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Vandalism remains on par with past years

More students turning in those responsible for damage

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NEWS EDITOR

After less than two months of school, total Residence Hall damage costs are nearing $6,200, leaving students with overwhelming damage bills and a disgruntled administration. Leading the list in damage bills so far this semester is Milbank with a bill of $1900; South and Dunham are second with bills of $1300 each.

Broken windows, pulverized walls, stolen signs, and pulled fire alarms are all problems that Residential Life and the Physical Plant must confront. Campus Safety has over 500 incident reports from this year, said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls. She added that this does not include individual reports filed by Resident Advisors.

Area Coordinator Ryan Lovell said that there does not seem to be more damage than in past semesters, but that there have been a greater number of "high profile" incidents to attract students' attention.

The damage has not been limited to campus. Prior to Fall Break, Hamilton students waiting downtown for the jitney are accused of breaking the electronic keypad on the ATM at the jitney stop. The keypad will cost between $3500 and $5000 to repair, said Pat Ingalls. Although no students have been charged, Ingalls said that she has been given two names and that the police are currently investigating the vandalism. In addition, the police are looking at the video surveillance tapes from that night, but will not be finished for another few days.

"The battle now is to figure out why this [damage] is occurring," said Lovell.

Many students say that the lack of social options on campus causes other students to spend their time breaking things. "I do think there is a correlation between the vandalism and complacency on this campus and the lack of social options, alcoholic and nonalcoholic," said junior class president Maurice Michanne '03.

Others students, however, say that blaming the lack of social options is scapegoating. "The current acts of vandalism are not a product of the lack of social options on campus, it is a product of the lack of respect some have for the Hamilton community," said Vice President of Student Assembly Deenah Byramjee '03.

Director of Physical Plant Steven Bellona said that the only way to take a stand against van-

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Recycling drops to eight-year low; waste production at ten-year high

by Christopher LaRosa '03
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The percentage of campus waste reaching recycling facilities dropped to 13.89% in 2000, an eight-year low according to Physical Plant reports. During the same period total campus waste disposal reached a ten-year high of 1043.69 tons. Year to date waste production for the 2001 calendar year is also at a ten-year high.

Misuse of recycling barrels, poor barrel placement, complicated or inaccurate barrel labeling, and a lack of recycling education detract from the overall effectiveness of the current recycling program.

"We can't pretend [garbage] doesn't go anywhere. We have to see how much we can reuse and recycle," said Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge. Hawkridge, who believes that education is key to the success of the program, says that physical plant has been denied requests to meet with first-years during orientation to explain the campus recycling program. "It's not considered important enough. Time is reserved for testing and the touchy-feely. Globally, I think I've got a pretty important issue. I think no one will argue with that."

Some students and faculty find that the current system's complexity curtails widespread recycling. "I think that the program is inadequate. We should have more participation," said Associate Professor of Biology William Pfitsch. Pfitsch said that the school should more clearly label barrels and take measures to prevent cross-contamination, the misplacement of waste in collection barrels.

Pfitsch suggested placing covers with bottle-size circular openings over container barrels to prevent contamination from the paper and garbage groups. "You need to make that kind of mistake harder to make," Pfitsch said.

"It's confusing because of all the buckets. It took me a while to figure out. I'm in a hurry, and so I end up throwing a lot of stuff away because I don't want to get it in the wrong recycling container," said Aletha Asay '05.

Other students do not see the current system as an impediment to recycling. "It's simple. If you can read you can do it," said Blake Erb '05.

The current five-barrel system introduced several years ago could be reduced to a three-barrel systems, according to Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge. Container and deposit barrels, as well as mixed paper and newspaper barrels ultimately end up in the same bin at Physical Plant. Physical Plant currently has no plans to make the transition to a three-barrel system at the collection stations, said Hawkridge.

In addition to the complexity of a five-barrel system, other complications in the program result from legacy recycling guidelines.

"We were on campus a few weeks ago and some of the labels we saw were outdated," said David Lupinski, director of recycling at the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste

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PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

An increasingly large percentage of Hamilton's growing waste reaches dumpsters, not recycling facilities.

In memory of...

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

The college dedicated a bench in memory of Christopher Kern '03 who was killed in an accident last summer in New York City. The bench sits outside of the Kirkland dormitory.

AES, TRAC help students control own behavior

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

The greatly increased number of alcohol-related incidents on campus this year has left many staff and administrators wondering what they can do to deter underage and excessive drinking. The Psychological Services and Counselling Center offer a number of programs for students who are concerned.

Counselors Jan Fisher and Brenda Marris teach both Alcohol Education Seminar (AES) and Towards Responsible Awareness of Chemicals (TRAC) once per semester. In they past the two have co-facilitated the seminars; however due to the number of students enrolled in TRAC this year, they will teach two separate seminars. "We like to keep the group at eight to ten people. That way, we can keep it really interactive, and people can get really involved in the program," said Marris.

Most students who enroll in AES and TRAC do so after a recommendation from either Residential Life or the Judicial Board, although students may also sign themselves up without a recommendation if they are concerned about their own behavior.

The AES seminar meets once for two and a half hours. In that time, said Marris, students learn about the risks and consequences associated with their drinking choices. "It's a great concept in terms of prevention," said Marris. "Unfortunately, unless alcohol is sucking up their family members, most people don't look for prevention."

TRAC, which meets for one

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Fire extinguisher fumes send RA to hospital

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

In an apparent act of vandalism, a student emptied the contents of a fire extinguisher within the confines of North residence hall on Sep. 29 at about 10:30 p.m., forcing the residents of North to evacuate the dorm and spend between sixty and ninety minutes waiting for the white smoke of the extinguisher to be cleaned up and aired out. In addition, Maurice Michaane '03 had to be treated at Saint Luke's hospital in Utica after inhaling too much of the chemical dust.

The extinguisher was set off on the second floor but spread to the third and first floor, creating a cloud of white chemical smoke that appeared to some like the smoke of a fire. Michaane '03 was walking back from the diner at about 10 p.m. when he opened the door to North and the white dust hit him. Michaane went up to the second floor stairwell landing to assess the situation in case the white smoke was actually caused by fire. Michaane said that his goal throughout the ordeal was to get the people out of the residence hall if, in fact, there was a fire that would threaten the well-being of North residents. "As the RA, I was looking to evaluate the situation. I determined that it wasn't a fire, but as I was assessing the event, the fire alarm was pulled," Michaane said.

As a result of the alarm being pulled, Campus Safety responded. Michaane and Justin Ginsberg '04, another RA in the building, helped Campus Safety get people out onto the quad, where they would be safe in the event of something more serious. It was out on the quad that Michaane began having problems breathing. The chemical dust that the fire extinguisher expels, while it is not toxic, can cause difficulty breathing, especially when inhaled for a long period of time. EMTs arrived on the scene and transported Michaane to the hospital, where he spent the next few hours being treated for difficulty breathing.

Wayne Gentile, night supervisor of Campus Safety, responded to the fire alarm at North. "Most of the problems we have in terms of vandalism are alcohol-related. I don't think I have ever come across anyone who expelled the contents of a fire extinguisher who was sober. It is the same for vandalism," Gentile said. This act came in the middle of a record-breaking year in the number of on-campus acts of vandalism. Gentile said that so far this year there have been between ten and fifteen occasions on which a fire extinguisher was expelled as an act of vandalism or alcohol-related pranks.

In response to the overwhelming number of acts of vandalism this year, Campus Safety and Hamilton staff have asked for the cooperation of students in apprehending offenders. Students, Gentile said, have been more than helpful in providing information; the only way to hold people accountable for their acts is if Campus Safety is notified of any information concerning the events. Students have been very helpful and informative, added Gentile.

In non-emergency events, Campus Safety can be reached at extension 4141, and in the case of emergencies, help can be obtained by calling extension 4000.

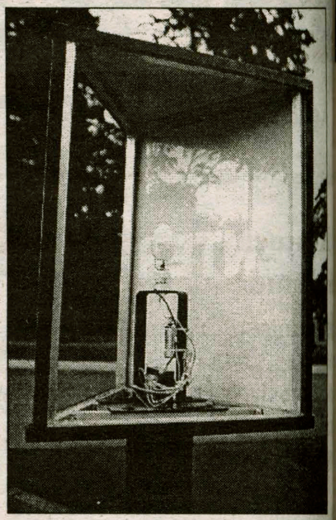

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton students stole signs and broke the keypad on an ATM in Clinton. Campus Safety as well as the KPD are trying to determine who was responsible for the damage.

Waste on campus rises to 10-year high

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Management Authority.

"The technology has changed a lot...We're doing pizza boxes now...We used to take only white office paper," said Lupinski.

Lupinski also said that Hamilton's system needs tuning for maximum efficiency. "We'd like to do a recycling audit at no cost to the college," said Lupinki.

If an audit proved effective, it could save the college thousands of dollars. Physical Plant reports and Oneida-Herkimer rate schedules indicate that in 2001 the college spent over $76K disposing of non-construction waste. That year, 131 tons of material diverted from the waste stream into the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Recycling Center saved the college over $10K in disposal fees. There is no charge to the college to dispose of sorted, recyclable materials.

Skepticism among students that sorted recyclables from the dormitories are actually recycled also undermines the health of the recycling program.

"I don't know if it actually works because it seems like the janitors put everything into one bag," said Erb.

"I'm sure they throw it out. That's the rumor," said Benjamin Turner '05.

Physical Plant recycling statistics and *Spectator* investigation indicate that recyclables from dormitories are re-sorted after being moved to Physical Plant from dormitories. *The Spectator* inspected about a dozen bags in a general dumpster located at the Physical Plant yard and found only one bag that should have been diverted into a recycling bin. The bag contained several pizza boxes, newly accepted items at Oneida-Herkimer.

A significant percentage of bags reach dumpsters because of cross-contamination issues. Many bags filled primarily with newsprint or office paper are contaminated with a container of food waste and cannot be recycled.

"We won't open bags and we will not re-sort. Germs, sharp [objects], and broken glass are all issues. Hepatitis B – There's the bodily fluids issue. We don't go there," said Hawkridge.

The recycling program, begun in 1989, peaked in 1994 when 19.12% of all campus waste was recycled.

"I was hoping we could get to 25%. What it involves is only using a garbage can for garbage," said Hawkridge, pointing to the problem of contamination and non-recyclers.

Hawkridge said that illustrating the reality of waste disposal is key to bolstering participation in the program. Oneida-Herkimer provides a localized video about waste disposal. "Let's show the video of where everyone's garbage goes and gross them out," he said.

Locally, households in Utica recycle an average 27% of their waste. New York Mills residents recycle an average 35% of waste, according to Lupinski.

Other colleges promote and track recycling at different levels. Wesleyan University subcontracts all of its waste and recycling management. Wesleyan Physical Plant officials said that this year is the first year the university is compiling statistics about recycling and waste.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

The station in the KJ atrium lacks a garbage container. As a result, bottles and other garbage contaminate these recycling bins.

Middlebury College has recycled up to 61% of its waste in recent years. Middlebury's program employs 16 students and a number of full-time workers to aid in sorting waste. A high local waste disposal fee motivates Middlebury's recycling program, according to Pfitsch.

Connecticut College, which began its recycling program in 1970, recycles 37.35% of their waste, according to the college's C-Green campaign website. Unlike Middlebury, Connecticut does not face high disposal fees; they pay roughly a third less for waste disposal than Hamilton. Using Connecticut College's assessment method, Hamilton's recycling rate would score one or two percentage points higher than our own rating.

Counceling Center offers AES, TRAC, MAD for students

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and a half hours per week for six weeks, goes much more in-depth and addresses many substance abuse issues besides alcohol. "We usually address marijuana, steroids, cocaine, speed, but if a student tells us that they'd really like to learn about something else, we'll make time for that too," said Marris.

TRAC also allows students to focus on their own drinking habits, said Marris. Students record all of their drinking activity for one week. They then discuss as a group the effects drinking had on their behavior, academics, health, and relationships. For the next week, the counselors ask students to cut their drinking in half. In the third week of the exercise, students are supposed to completely abstain from alcohol. "Some students do it, some students don't," said Marris. "For the ones who really do, it's always quite an experience."

The counseling center also offers Manage Anger Differently (MAD), in which many students convicted of drunken vandalism enroll as a part of their Judicial Board sanction. Due to the low number of participants, said Marris, students who want to participate in this program generally meet one-on-one with a counselor.

While the college can offer education and prevention programs, in the end, says Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli, the movement to curb the binge drinking that leads to alcohol poisoning must come from the students. "You want to think that you're teaching people to be adults, but I'm not your parent. I can help you make good decisions, but I can't make those decisions for you," she said.

Students "fed up" with costs of damage

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dalism is to "take active ownership and responsibility as individuals within the community to prevent it from occurring, and also in holding one's peers accountable for their actions."

In a recent campus email sent by President Tobin, he challenges the entire Hamilton community to take the initiative and ask, "How many more instances of vandalism, DUI, and vulgar, intemperate behavior will it take before we summon the courage to act in our best interests?"

According to Kantrowitz, Ingalls, and Lovell, students are doing just that. "There's still a certain code of silence. It's a hard thing to measure, but I'd say there are more people calling in to report things than in past years," said Kantrowitz. Ingalls said that Campus Safety has received 12 reports since last Friday.

Once a student reports acts of vandalism, Campus Safety follows up with an investigation. If the person accused takes responsibility for their acts, which many student do, said Kantrowitz, they must pay for the damage. If they do not admit to the acts, however, the case may be brought before the Judicial Board.

"The J-Board has what's called a preponderance of evidence," said Kantrowitz. "This means that if it's more than likely that a person did it, they can be found guilty. That's different than a court of law where you have to be guilty 'beyond the shadow of a doubt.' The bottom line is that something is being done about it."

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

U. Kentucky international students' sense of safety jarred by assaults

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Sailesh Mishra often studies into the early morning at the William T. Young Library. He walks, many times alone, back to his Virginia Avenue apartment at 1 or 2 a.m.

Most of the time the 15-minute walk doesn't scare him, but since the assaults on four University of Kentucky international students last week, Mishra and many international students have thought more about their safety on campus.

"There is a thought in my mind that I need to be extra careful," he said.

Mishra, a computer science graduate student who moved to Kentucky from India in August, said some of his friends have thought about walking in groups since the assaults, but so far he hasn't changed his routine.

He said he expects a few more assaults on international students to occur.

Northwestern U. responds to Wheeler lawsuit

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — Lawyers for Northwestern University responded Tuesday to the lawsuit filed in August by the family of Rashidi Wheeler, stating that the football player's Aug. 3 death was not caused by bronchial asthma. At the same time, University President Henry Bienen released a statement suggesting that NCAA-banned supplements might have played a greater role in Wheeler's death than the medical examiner's report indicated.

The suit, filed Aug. 23 in Cook County Circuit Court, names seven employees and interns of Northwestern's athletic department, including Director of Athletics Rick Taylor and head football coach Randy Walker.

The university's response firmly defended the staff, which Bienen said behaved "appropriately, indeed valiantly," and denied all allegations of negligence.

Bienen's statement, which came after two months of detailed internal investigation, admitted that NU violated a minor NCAA regulation by reporting the results of summer conditioning tests to coaches. Walker was ordered to forfeit six practices this season under a university-imposed penalty — three of which he said the team already has forfeited.

South Florida faculty members concerned about academic freedom

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Professor Sami Al-Arian said Tuesday that no one from the University of South Florida has been in contact with him to say when he'll be allowed back into the classroom.

Al-Arian was placed on paid leave more than a week after an appearance on Fox's The O'Reilly Factor Sept. 26.

And USF faculty leaders are meeting Wednesday and Thursday to make sure the reason President Judy Genshaft placed Al-Arian on leave had nothing to do with what he said.

"The faculty union feels (academic freedom) is threatened in the case of Sami Al-Arian," said Professor Mary Jane Tyson, past president for the Faculty Senate.

Tyson said what has faculty members worried about them is something Genshaft said during a Sept. 28 news conference about Al-Arian.

Genshaft was quoted in The Tampa Tribune as saying of Al-Arian, "Should he violate this requirement, I shall take the strongest possible action. This is not about freedom of speech. This is not about academic freedom. This is about the safety of our campus."

Al-Arian said he thought he was going on the show to talk about the World and Islam Studies Enterprise — a defunct think tank that was once housed at the university. Instead, host Bill O'Reilly ripped into Al-Arian about Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, who once worked for WISE, and in a short time after leaving USF, emerged as leader of the Islamic Jihad militant group.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

U.S. officials say Saudis cooperating

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Thursday that Saudi Arabia is taking steps to freeze the assets of the al-Qaida terrorism network and is cooperating fully with the United States in countering terrorism.

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Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal tours ground zero.

Like all but a handful of coutries, Saudi Arabia has not yet frozen the network's assets, a senior administration official said. But the Saudis are taking steps toward a freeze and are making good progress, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The administration's public praise of the Saudis followed a report in The New York Times that the Arab kingdom had so far refused to freeze the assets of Osama bin Laden and his associates, and had proved unwilling to cooperate fully with the investigation of the hijacking suspects in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

S. America border region scrutinized

CIUDAD DEL ESTE, Paraguay (AP) — Mobsters, smugglers and drug traffickers have long operated freely in the alleyways of this gritty Paraguayan border town, known as South America's contraband capital.

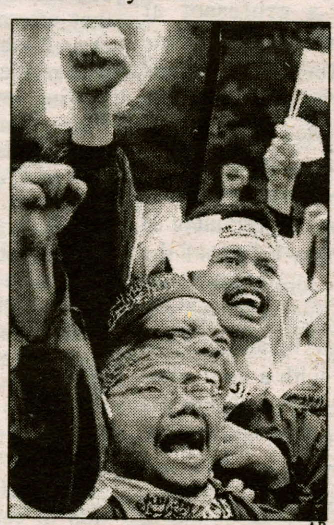
But after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, authorities are also scrutinizing this "Triple Border" region for ties to international terrorism, focusing on its sizable Muslim community.

In the land where Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil converge, authorities have erected highway checkpoints, raided businesses for alleged extremist ties and made arrests — angering an Arab community whose traditions flow over in mosques and bazaars.

"We feel very strongly discriminated against," said Sheikh Munir Fadel, head cleric at one of the two mosques in Ciudad del Este, 245 miles south of Asuncion. "Others are making us feel that we Muslims are guilty."

Indonesians protest U.S. airstrikes

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Confronted by rows of razor wire and hundreds of riot police, about 800 Muslim demonstrators rallied in front of the U.S. Embassy on Thursday, chanting "Americans are terrorists! Kill them all! Destroy America!"



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Muslim protesters demonstrate in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Islamic militants have threatened to raze the mission, kill the U.S. ambassador an ad force westerners out of the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Nearly every day since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, Muslims have held noisy and occasionally violent protests across Indonesia, with more rallies expected on Friday.

However, many analysts and some traditional Muslim leaders doubt widespread anti-Americanism is taking root in Indonesia.

They said the small fringe groups protesting do not reflect the views of most of Indonesia's 210 million people, nor those held by its conservative government, which desperately needs Western, particularly American, aid to pull the debt-burdened economy out of crisis.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

NY mayoral hopefuls appeal to voters

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic mayoral hopefuls Mark Green and Fernando Ferrer made last-minute appeals to voters as they headed into New York City's first mayoral runoff in 24 years, a race that took a drastic shift after the terrorist attacks.

Polls indicated a virtual dead heat between Green, the city's public advocate, and Ferrer, the Bronx borough president. The winner advances to the November election to take on billionaire media magnate Michael Bloomberg in the race to replace popular Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Manhattan resident Matthew Segall, 77, was one of the first to vote Thursday morning. He picked Ferrer — as a protest vote.

"I'm voting against Green," Segall said. "As public advocate, he's done nothing."

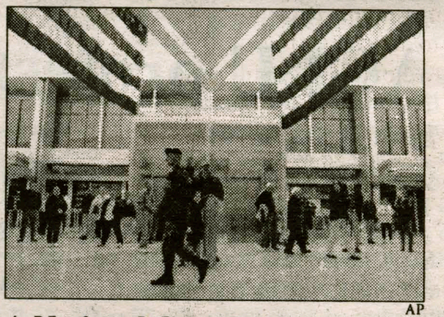
Robin Aufses, a 51-year-old English department administrator at a Long Island school, said she supported Green. But she said she wasn't sure he was equipped to handle the nation's biggest city in the midst of its greatest crisis.

"I hope so," she said, "but what one person could?"

Giuliani, a two-term Republican has been lauded for his leadership in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center. He flirted briefly with the idea of trying to challenge term-limit laws and remaining in office for a third term, but backed off and said he could stay on to help in the transition.

FBI issues terror strikes warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stark warning, the FBI said Thursday it has received information there may be additional terrorist attacks inside the United States or abroad in the next several days.



AP

A National Guard patrols the Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

The bureau said its information does not identify specific targets, but it has asked local police to be on the highest alert and for all Americans to be wary of suspicious activity.

"Certain information, while not specific as to target, gives the government the reason to believe that there may be additional terrorist attacks within the United States and against U.S. interests overseas over the next several days," the FBI said in its warning.

Bioterrorism threats raise concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children's medical groups are calling on the government to provide more training for pediatricians and ensure there are age-appropriate treatments in case children are victims of bioterrorism.

"In the rush of trying to get the big picture done, nobody has raised a hand and said, 'What about the kids?'" said Dr. Irwin Redlener, a pediatrician and head of New York's Children's Hospital at Montefiore who is lobbying Congress for help.

In response, Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., introduced legislation Thursday that would provide $20 million for research on children's medications.

It also seeks $50 million to train child health care workers to recognize and treat symptoms of a bioterror attack. An additional $50 million would ensure that the nation's treatment stockpile includes antidotes tailored to child victims of a chemical or biological attack.

As with many other ailments, children exposed to such agents could become sick sooner and decline more quickly than adults, pediatricians say. For instance, children suffering such symptoms as vomiting and diarrhea would become dehydrated and go into shock more quickly than adults, Redlener said.

Bombings received mixed response in U.S. and world

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

U.S. warplanes continued bombing raids on military targets across Afghanistan after the Taliban regime refused to surrender Osama bin Laden, prime suspect of the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11th. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that "85% of targets [were] destroyed." In a CBS news broadcast on Tuesday, however, he added, "The command and control and leadership structure may still be intact."

Pentagon officials told Reuters that attacks were a part of round-the-clock raids, which began on Sunday, against a wide range of targets, including Taliban airfields to military command centers. The officials, however, refused to be more specific.

The attacks have killed 76 people across the Afghanistan and injured about 100 others, the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) and officials said Wednesday. United States news sources reported that four security guards were killed and a fifth injured in the office of a UN-funded mine-clearing organization, when the office was hit.

In response to the bombing, authorities in Kabul cut electricity, attempting to plunge the city into darkness; however, the sky above the city lightened as a result of intense anti-aircraft fire.

There are also signs that the Taliban regime is preparing for a ground war. "They have moved Chechens, Pakistanis, Kashmiri, and Arab troops to this front in the past two days, because they are much stronger fighters," said Alliance Commander Lalaga, at Bagram, 30 miles north of Kabul. Spies operating behind enemy lines estimate up to 2,000 Pakistani, Arab, Chechen, and even Central Asian fighters have been sent from Kabul to the Bagram front line in the two days since American bombing began.

In a pre-recorded tape, bin Laden threatened the US with future terrorist attacks. Partly in response to these insinuations, White House officials asked US media networks to be cautious in broadcasting prerecorded communications from bin Laden and associates because of the possibility of coded instructions for additional strikes. Networks agreed to edit the messages before broadcasting them.

The Taliban regime tried to appeal to the Muslim community throughout the world. "Every Muslim, having a strong faith, should resolutely act against the egoistic power [America]," spokesman for the Taliban regime Abdul Hai Muttman said.

In an effort to aid civilians suffering from the attacks, two Air Force C-17 cargo planes dropped 35,000 packets of humanitarian food rations in north-central Afghanistan. Some Afghanis were skeptical about such support. "The Americans are killing us and attacking us, and we don't need this food," a spokesman said. The Taliban reported that Afghanis were destroying the food rather than eating it.

Despite the Bush Administration's efforts, anti-US protests took place on a worldwide scale. Athens, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur and Brisbane (Australia), just to name a few. Student demonstrators in Jakarta carried placards reading: "Save Afghanistan" and "Drag Bush to an international tribunal."

At home people have mixed emotions. Howard Zinn, American historian and anti-war activist said, "It's a different situation, and it creates a special challenge for the peace movement. The peace movement finds itself with a message of peace in a situation where people's emotions have been aroused ... in a way they have never been aroused before."

Officials assess bioterrorism threat

by Katrina Lexa '05
NEW WRITER

The Western world is at war with terrorism. On Sunday the United States and Britain began the first of a series of bombing strikes against Afghanistan. Later that day Osama bin Laden appeared on national television and announced to the world that he would devastate America. Two cases of anthrax in Florida recently have raised the public's concern about the possibility of biochemical warfare.

Biological weapons have the potential to cause widespread devastation and disease. The bacteria or virus in the weapon can spread disease among a population over a large area of the country for a long period of time. The biggest threats at this moment are smallpox and anthrax. Both can be spread through the air in a powder and are highly contagious, deadly diseases.

Industrial chemicals can also be altered by terrorists to produce chemical weapons like chlorine or hydrogen chloride bombs. Chemical attacks, however, typically can only target a limited area and may be easier for the government to detect ahead of time. Gas masks can protect a person from inhaling chemicals, and protective clothing guards the body.

Chemical weapons have been considered the "poor man's atomic bomb" because they are inexpensive and easy to manufacture; using chemical weapons, it costs about $600 per square kilometer to kill people, whereas it costs $2000 per square ki meter using conventional wea ons, according to an ABC ne story about biochemical warfa

According to most ci biodefense experts and doctor the United States is unprepar for biological warfare. Ma doctors have not been prope trained in how to detect ea symptoms of either disease, e pecially anthrax, which initia looks like the flu. In addition, t CDC does not have enough va cines for the general populatio and the vaccine is over forty ye old and may no longer be effe tive. If terrorists developed ne strains of air-spread diseases, could take up to three years culture and obtain a vaccine f the new strains.

Despite the concern over bi chemical weapons and terror attacks, Americans should f safe. Developing biologi weapons is incredibly difficu Diseases like anthrax are o effective if the spore size is c rect; small spores are exha before infection, and large spo fall to the ground without infe ing anyone. Highly contagio diseases, such as smallpox, m be developed in a laboratory, a lab workers trying to create virus culture can easily cont the disease and die.

Another obstacle to usi biological weapons is that e ploding bombs could destroy t germ during the explosio Chemical weapons are a pos bility, but it is likely that th would be used against a divisi of the military, which would prepared for such an onslaug

ACLU protests anti-terrorism bill

by Chris Takacs '05
NEWS WRITER

The recently proposed Sensenbrenner-Conyers bill to combat terrorism has received a mixed welcome in the American political arena. Many groups and members of Congress have voiced concerns about new laws infringing on the Bill of Rights, while others argue that these are necessary measures considering, as Attorney General John Ashcroft put it, the "clear and present danger" of terrorist action against the United States.

The American Civil Liberties Union has been one of the most vocal in attacking the unconstitutionality of the proposed bills. "This legislation still does not meet the basic test of maximizing our security with minimizing the impact on our civil liberties. The compromise bill would have a long-term negative impact on basic freedom in America that cannot be justified," said Director of the ACLU's Washington National Office Laura W. Murphy.

In its statement to Congress, the ACLU focused on three main parts of the bill with which they were concerned: immigration, criminal justice, and surveillance. The proposal would allow for indefinite incarceration of non-citizens who are not allowed into the countries to which they are being deported. According to the ACLU and many other civil liberty groups, this would violate the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, which ensure that "no person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law," and "the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial." According to CNN, "Congressional negotiators say the Justice Department has dropped that request; it no longer is part of the bill."

The ACLU stated that "under the original Administration provision–and remaining in the Sensenbrenner-Conyers legislation–the broad definition of terrorism combined with the proposed harsher criminal penalties could lead to thousands of protesters at an anti-war rally to be labeled as conspirators in a terrorist plot."

The ACLU isn't the only one speaking out about this part of the bill. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss told the *LA Times* that "the trouble is, 'terrorism' is a very broad word, and it lends itself to a lot of mischief for people who would abuse common sense."

One of the main arguments about the surveillance/wiretapping part of the Sensenbrenner-Conyers bill is that it would apply not only to investigations of terrorist activities, but also to all surveillance in the United States. "On the one hand, you can see that it could do a lot to help, and on the other hand, you can also see how it can be abused," said Brian Forst, a professor of justice, law, and society at American University. "It all depends on how it's managed. We have reason to be concerned because of the problems there have been in the past," he said referring to McCarthyism in the 1960s.

Constitutional law expert David Cole, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, said that the bill is far too broad to be effective. "It is not in any way carefully calibrated to the threat that we are facing," he said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, the main proponent of the anti-terrorism bill, told the senate judiciary committee, "I can assure the committee and the American people we are conducting this effort with a total commitment to protect the rights, the constitutional rights, and the privacy of all Americans. We will respect, we will safeguard the constitutional protections which we hold dear." Other justice department officials have called for a speedy package of "moderate steps" to fight terrorism. The argument over the bill will likely continue, as neither side seems willing to give up ground.

Letters...

Wednesday morning as I was walking to class, I was impressed by the chalkings lining Martins Way. Slogans advocating peace, humanity, restraint spoke volumes about the open-minded character of the Hamilton community. Later that afternoon, returning from class, I was surprised to witness the President of the Class of 2003 altering several of the messages. "Americans are not the only ones with families" had been changed to read "Americans are the only ones with families"; "War does not equal Justice" became "War equals Justice."

There is nothing inherently wrong with these changes. Both the initial chalkings and the subsequent alterations are legitimate expressions of political opinion. There are two key differences, however, that separate one from the other. In the former case, the chalk messages express opposition to current US actions. The latter are merely bigoted and jingoistic statements of national chauvinism. The claim that American families are somehow superior to others is wholly irrelevant to discussion of the use of military force in Afghanistan. One need look no further than the pages of history to find ample evidence to dispute t equally erroneous claim that w equals justice.

In an institution such as ou where the pursuit of knowled tolerance, and understanding paramount, we are bound to e courage and respect the expre sion of all points of view. It is t paradox of liberalism that we m give a voice even to those w would silence others. Howev when those who would purport be leaders in our community e press attitudes of bigotry, they f in their duty as our represen tives.

I call on the leaders of the Ham ton community to denounce su bigoted statements of nationa chauvinism. I call on all our lea ers-from the Board of Trustees the Student Assembly-to public take a stand for tolerance, acce tance, and understanding in t time of national trial. I call everyone, regardless of his or h political opinions, to work to cr ate a campus community whe cowardly acts of bigotry do n stand and to make Hamilton Co lege a place of which we can all proud.

Clark Pettig '03

Editorial

Recent articles in The Spectator highlight the lack of respect some students show for the environment in which they live. Residential Life reports over six thousand dollars in campus damage so far this year. Research has found that 23% of students drink and drive. Physical Plant statistics indicate that less than 14% of our waste is recycled.

These statistics reveal an alarming, yet unsurprising, lack of respect some students have for the resources in their environment. Shamefully poor recycling on campus degrades the air, land, and water we share with other inhabitants of the earth. Some of our "peer" institutions recycle three times as much as we do. Instead of recycling to alleviate demand on natural resources, we are dumping our waste in landfills, destroying natural spaces, and polluting water quality in the process. People around the world suffer as a result of our egregious consumption of natural resources. Our laziness and indifference to the simple task of recycling shows Hamilton students at our worst: self-centered, short-sighted individuals helping to destroy the environment.

In the case of campus damage, students' destruction consumes the financial resources of our community. The $6200 in residence hall damage already amassed this year are funds that would be much better channeled through the Student Activities budget to enhance our quality of life. Nothing fun on campus? Maybe, but why destroy what we have? Furthermore, we pay an intangible price when students damage property in Clinton. Our relationship to the town in which we are guests in is undermined. The actions of a few students during their four-year stint at Hamilton taint a long-term relationship between the village and the college. In effect, these selfish students undermine both present and future students' opportunities for beneficial actions within the community.

Students who drink and drive devalue our most precious resource: life. Reckless students continually put the lives of students, college employees, and the residents of Clinton on the line. No one was ever killed volunteering to be a designated driver or waiting half an hour for a Jitney to pick them up. Again, short-sighted, self-centered students strip us of security in our lives.

At such a wealthy institution, it would be nice to see students using their time and resources to meaningful ends. Instead of students taking the time to put empties in recycle bins, they devote their energy to smashing plate glass windows. While grappling over increasing a student activities fee, we have no option but to pay residence hall damage charges that appear on our bills each semester. It would be nice to see our recycling rate far surpass our drunk driving rate. Maybe when statistics on recycling and drinking and driving are released next year, we'll be able to match Utica's recycling rate and will see less than a fifth of our student body drinking and driving. Maybe then people won't be able to look at some Hamilton students and justifiably characterize them as selfish, insulated, or putrid individuals.

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Letters...

September 25, 2001

As an alumnus, I was appalled to see that there was a peace demonstration on campus last Thursday, 9/20/01, but I was not surprised. Hamilton is a small liberal microcosm in our world, often unaffected and oblivious to what is going on in the real world. Maybe that's too harsh. My main point is that it's always the small select group that ruins the efforts of the whole.

I understand that Professor Haley, Professors Rabinowitzes, and all others involved in the demonstration meant well. Their actions were one of peace and concern. They care about what our leaders will do during this tenuous time. Their statement implores that our leaders mete out justice through the eyes of peace and justice rather than through the eyes of revenge. I could not agree more because this is a scary time in American history. But, nonetheless, as in any action we take as human beings, there are repercussions.

So, I am calling those involved in the peace demonstration on the repercussions of their actions. I know it may not be my place, but I really feel that the professors involved have caused too much turmoil on the Hill without ever being reprimanded. Why? Because that would just stir the pot too much. Oh, and they are tenured too. Tenure=untouchable. Ask Joe Dorsey about that one, or maybe that is before your time to those who are reading.......

First, I am sure that the demonstrators had no clue that their actions labeled Hamilton as a whole in the surrounding Mohawk Valley Region. Hamilton, for years, has worked hard to assimilate with the environment that surrounds them. This is quite hard with kids coming from elite families, driving BMW's and Volvo's, in an area that is economically depressed. Now with the peace rally, they really hate you. I am just filling you in on the reality off of the Hill.

Do you have any idea how many hard working, blue blood Americans live in the surrounding area that encompasses the Hill? You don't see Goldman Sachs or Merrill Lynch booming in the area. No, it is industry and American Legions and VFW's, and the bottom line is that the people that work for these industries are patriotic people who would die for their country in a second. I took a class with Professor Peter Rabinowitz my freshman year and we had conflicts throughout that year as our views were completely the antithesis of the other's. Which was fine. He gave me a C, I got nothing out of the class other than aggravation, he hated me because I was a jock, and I never took comparative literature again. But I am sure of one thing, he would not die for his country if he had to. Instead, protected by Hamilton's bubble, he would rather hold a peace rally instead. Safe, secure, and without repercussion. This is a time where you need to lay down your personal agenda and appreciate the fact that Hamilton and our government protects everything you have, while also having faith that our leaders will do the right thing. Just focus on teaching...that is your job.

If the students want to rally, let them. But don't impress your views on the impressionable and lead the way.

I was in C&D (that is Communication & Development for those of you who don't know) on Thursday, September 20th, and an older lady, approximately 75 years old with a curvature in her spine that obviously made it difficult for her to move, trekked up the Hill to voice her concern over the peace rally. It probably was the same woman who Rit Fuller referred to Mike Debraggio, meaning that she also trekked to the Admissions office and then C&D. She was a patriotic American who was worried that the young kids on the Hill were getting the wrong idea. She wanted them to know that this is a time to rally the American people and fight for what we believe in. Not sit around and negotiate with barbarians who will never budge, as we have seen from the Taliban regime. She was not the only local who voiced their concern over this, but certain people at Hamilton would never let the students know that. We wouldn't want those impressionable minds to be affected by those crazy townies, would we??? It seems to me that she had the right idea, while our esteemed, intellectual professors were a few fries short of a Happy Meal.

This is not Vietnam. Where the country was divided and no one was really sure why the American presence was needed. There was a direct hit taken on our country on September 11th, and if you demonstrators and professors can not and will not accept that, then you have a lot of serious thinking to do. You need to think about what makes our country so great. You need to think about the safety of your children in the future. You need to think about whether or not we wipe out terrorism, or live in fear the rest of our lives.

How do you think it felt for me to walk by your demonstration when three of my friends were in the building and are missing, and most likely dead? I am ready to sign up if I have to. And there is a possibility of that if we need the help down the road. Throughout the years my family fought in every war in order to preserve the ideals of America. I am ready to carry that torch if I have to because it is people like them and me who provide the environment for you to carry on the way you do every time you think there is an injustice in the world.

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Letters...

Where do I begin? I was shocked and confused by an article printed two weeks ago in the Spectator, entitled "Seeking Peace?" by Jeff Kruntz '01. As a member of the newly revived Hamilton Peace and Justice Action Group, I feel it necessary to point out the misrepresentation of our group's views and the author's apparent misunderstanding of the purpose of last week's protest, but do not take my word as representative of the whole group.

Some of the things that Kruntz argues against are out of context, and I would like to clarify. First of all, the issue of "carelessly throwing out epithets" should be addressed. Kruntz specifically mentions the use of the words "racism" and "crusade," both in association with President Bush. I'm not positive of organizer Brunette's intention, but I can say this: I don't think "crusade" was the correct term for Bush to use, as in "the crusade against terrorism," simply because of the heavily loaded religious context of the current situation. Another term used by the administration was "Mission Infinite Justice," which is also suggestive of one religious right. Apparently Bush and his executives agreed with the inappropriate implications, because Defense Secretary Rumsfeld issued a public statement apologizing for these informal terms on September 25, 2001.

Speaking of rhetoric being thrown around, I was surprised by Kurtz's statement that the protest was in support of "extreme pacifism." I think the only time pacifism was mentioned at the even was to note that we are not supporting pacifism, but actively supporting peace through justice, education, and dialogue. The "dialogue" that we intend, by the way, is not as Krutz says "with terrorists or the Taliban", but only within our communities to raise awareness and reduce racism.

Furthermore, Krutz's offense at the "odious" term "racism" can only be construed as denial. The Peace Action Group is not trying to "vilify" anyone or create nationalist disunity, but the fact that over 300 incidents of anti-Muslim, anti-Arab hate crimes have occurred nationally cannot be denied. Our hope is that the nation becomes unified against an act of war through growing awareness of alternatives other than war. (Keep an eye open for a Peace Action newsletter covering such topics as the current events, especially in Congress, impact of Peace Action Groups, and national unity.)

As much as Kruntz appears to oppose our group's purpose, many of his explanations as to why he does are actually consistent with some of our loosely defined views. I find it surprising that although he attended the event (I presume), he didn't catch on that he shared many of the same opinions as the speakers'. For example, he said that he opposed mass military action and that he would support "as Professor Rabinowitz put it, combating 'terrorism through justice and the law' without the military if we had the power to do so." The only thing I can say is, how do you know we don't have the power to do so? Perhaps it didn't work out completely in 1993 and 1998, but following the events of September 11, Bush refused to engage in any negotiations with the Taliban or Afghanistan.

I agree that it may be useful to threaten the opposition with war, but it is not productive to make it seem that war is the only solution. It is not. I'm not saying that Peace Action Groups across the nation are "supporting unworkable policies," when, in truth, we don't have a specific policy to support. We only urge the government and American people to change their way of thinking, that military revenge is not an answer to what happened on September 11.

What would the countries that fear and hate the U.S. think if we turned around and, instead of striking blindly at an immeasurable enemy, "global terrorism," extended an arm and combated the conditions that breed terrorist action? What would they think if we fed the people we've starved, listened to the complaints of those we oppress, and welcomed our enemies? I agree with a sentiment circulated in an all-campus email last week; "There is no better way to rob the world of it's anger and bitterness, jealousy and hate, that to feed people unconditionally...feed their bodies, minds and spirits. Build places of learning, places of spirit, places for healing and nourishment, places of community."

Aletha Asay '05

Letter Contination...

How do you think it felt for the Hamilton students that may have had parents and/or friends in the building that did not make it? As you should know, Hamilton has one of the strongest Economics departments in the East and there are a lot of Alum that work in downtown NYC. These are the people that support the College financially the most, but they are the first to be forgotten. And if you don't think that is true, go look at the wall on the Library to the people that have donated millions to the college so that professors can be tenured and given nicer buildings to work in. Have you guys (professors in question) ever written Kevin Kennedy or anybody else on that wall a thank you note for the great college you work at? I doubt it. But you would rip Goldman Sachs as a money-hungry capitalist investment banking firm in a second if you had the chance.

That is all well and good because that is what college is all about. Finding yourself and figuring out who you are as a person. Not what the GDP of Thailand is or how many sects of Mahayana Buddhism are in the US or was Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange" a literary masterpiece. What you must realize is that you are only a fraction of the United States, but your actions affect many. Nobody at Hamilton taught me how to budget my money and pay rent. Nobody at Hamilton told me about "equal opportunity" and that some industries favored people of certain race or religious background. But that is the fact ladies and gentleman of the student body. It's tough out there and there is no free dinner. Your world is catered to you at Hamilton, but once you leave there are no little interest groups and professors to protect you anymore. It's up to you to survive and face the reality of the world. Footnote: This logic does not apply to the students who are so filthy rich that daddy's money and connections will grease the wheels for them after college.

And we are in a state of survival right now as we have been stricken to the core. And if you have not been stricken to the core as Americans you need to seek psychological help. In response to Professor Haley's anecdote about her son, I am sorry you feel he is being picked on. But I am glad the Boston Police have stopped him. He should be proud of showing his identification because if he has done nothing wrong, he has nothing to hide. It is obvious that people of Arab descent did this, so people of Arab descent should be aware. If it were white-caucasians that did this, then I would show my identification when asked and would not complain. I understand that he is scared, but so is the rest of America. So if he has to show his identification and explain what he is doing for five minutes, then so be it. Simple as that. It makes the rest of America feel safe and secure, and at this time we need to appeal to the masses. This may sound callous, but your son can still practice his faith and sexual orientation on a day to day basis without fear that he will be killed, unlike the people of Afghanistan. But the fact that he has to show some identification in order to make others feel safe, you feel he is being persecuted. A little selfish don't you think? Just focus on teaching....that is your job.

I agree with Nancy Rabinowitz's statement that there is evil and good in all of us. But that is such an easy stance to take and it is not even an original thought as that statement appears in almost every book of faith in the world. Step back, we are all at fault. Whatever! Innocent civilians were attacked by evil masterminds. And sometimes the evil must be rooted out. And its America that everyone comes running to in times of need when acts of injustice have occurred. I am sure your Jewish ancestors were not complaining when Americans stormed Normandy in order to stop Hitler and his regime. I know my grandfather and his cousins weren't when they took bullets for your cause on the beach that day. But that is what they should have done, right? It is time for such another invasion in order to preserve not only our interests, but the interests and safety of the rest of the world. Other countries look to us for guidance and it is time for us to step up and kick some butt. So that this may never happen again and you can continue your life in the bubble.

This is not meant to be an argument, but rather a statement to you all to lay down your concerns and act simply by faith. It's damn hard to do, but that is all God asks of us sometimes. Your peace rally will not change anything that is going to happen in the coming weeks, but rather its just going to anger a lot of Americans who have finally united under one umbrella and are proud to be standing as one.

I realize that what I have said will probably anger you and won't really change anything as a whole (just like your peace rally). But I could not let your actions go without a response from the other side, the majority, NEW YORKERS. Why don't you come down to the city and really see what has happened. I will give you a personal tour so that you can breathe the stank air from the attacks, rather than that crisp, clean air of Central New York. I will introduce you to those innocent civilians who are standing in the streets with flyers of their lost loved ones. I will show you the fire fighters and NYPD who work day and night to show the Al-Qaeda that we will not crumble. I will show you the faces of New Yorkers who are depressed that their city has been violated to the core. Instead of having a peace rally, why don't you write a thank you letter to a rescue worker? Woops, I wouldn't want to take you out of your bubble.

Don't worry........I will continue to give money as I have every year to the Unrestricted Fund so that the pathways are clean for you guys to chalk when injustice occurs in our world. Just do me a favor if you possibly can: Professors, Just focus on teaching.....that is your job. Students.......find yourself without hurting yourself. Your actions are making the majority sick to their stomach and you should apologize for being so blind.

And p.s., write a note to Jeff Wilbur '99 and thank him for protecting our interests as he serves in the Army and is prepared to die for America......and its protected professors. His address is 401 Greyson Court, Fayetteville, NC, 28314.

Faithfully submitted,
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Visiting A Changed City

Peace is a nice idea, a noble idea. Our generation here in America has had little experience with living in fear. But in the wake of the tragedies of September 11, while those of us who have never lived in a war zone can sit on our nice, safe campus and condemn the decision to bomb the Taliban, peace does not seem to be the practical idea.

Having never visited Washington D.C. or the small field in Pennsylvania where some of the heroes of that day took the fourth plane down, I can only speak

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from my experiences in New York City. I grew up in Northern New Jersey, only an hour from New York City, and traveled home over break. An interview in the city brought me downtown early Monday morning.

New York City is devastatingly different. While there is a strong spirit that this will not destroy us in faces of everyone you see there, there is also fear. The smell downtown from the attacks is like nothing you have ever smelled before. It's the smell of death. It gets in your hair and your clothes and even when you've washed it away, it stays with you. It's a reminder of that day, when I watched the horrible scene unfold as one Twin Tower was hit, then the second, and then they fell until there was nothing but a five-story pile of rubble.

My father lost friends and colleagues that day. There was Randy Scott, who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, a great man with a sharp British sense of humor. He had three daughters, from age seven to eighteen. They will never see their father again. He will never watch them grow up. He will never walk them down the aisle at their weddings. He will never meet their children. There was also Kevin, a man my dad knew since he was eighteen and gave his first chance in business. He has six-year-old twin boys. One of them is very angry, and just keeps saying, "My daddy is coming home." But he won't be coming home. The last time anyone spoke to either of these men, the ceiling was caving in on them and they said there was no way out.

I had met these men. These were men that my father worked with for years, who followed him when he started a new company. These were the type of men who stayed at that company once my father had left, and it was going under, because they wanted to make sure that he would still receive his part. They were good men, whose wives will now have to find their own way because their husbands have been taken from them and the company they worked for has cut them off.

We can't negotiate with these terrorists who take our planes, full of our citizens, kill over six thousand people, then dance in the streets. They have changed our way of life. New York City is a war zone, with police and military personnel on every corner. Trucks are restricted to the upper deck of the George Washington Bridge, and they stop the suspicious ones to search them for bombs. The FDR Drive that used to take you downtown nowonly allows emergency vehicles; others must pass by and be routed to Brooklyn. People are constantly stopped and questioned by the military, and must show a photo ID just to walk down the street. The South Street Seaport, normally teeming with tourists, now has sections reserved for military transport vehicles. The National Guard has come in to guard all bridges and tunnels, and is swarming in Grand Central Station, Penn Station, and the Port Authority. The Path train was stopped on Monday morning on its way to midtown and sent back to Hoboken, but it didn't make the news and no one knows why. The skyline now looks just like any other city; and the cloud of smoke isn't there to mark what has happened anymore. This is how New Yorkers must live now, with their lives and their sense of safety completely disrupted.

So while it is noble to say that vengeance isn't the answer and that all life is precious, we are dealing with individuals who do not negotiate, but kill and then celebrate. I do not suggest that we celebrate what we are doing. In an ideal world, we wouldn't be doing it at all. But then in an ideal world, this would never have happened.

Attacks on Afghanistan are Illegal and Immoral

The United States government has justified our attacks on Afghanistan as acts of self-defense in response to acts of terrorism which they have called acts of war. These assertions are neither legal nor correct.

Self-defense is defined by the United Nations as the right to repel an attack that is ongoing or imminent as a temporary measure until the U.N. Security Council can take steps necessary for international peace and secu-

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rity. The September 11 attacks ended as quickly as they began, and although there have been vague threats of further attacks, they are by no means "imminent". This means that any U.S. action is not self-defense, but retaliation, which will punish innocents as well as the guilty.

To clarify this point I offer a story. A family of four was sleeping peacefully one night when a murderer broke into their house and killed the mother and two children before escaping. After a week of exhaustive searching, the father discovered who was responsible for killing his family. He took his gun one night, broke into the murderer's house and killed the murderer, claiming self-defense.

Killing the murderer was not self-defense but retaliation. Yes, the father did not feel safe when there was a murderer on the loose, but once the immediate threat was gone it was no longer self-defense, and the father became a murderer himself. What should have been done in this case? The murderer should have been captured and brought to a fair and just trial. Similarly, in international law, if the immediate threat has ended, counterattacks are no longer self-defense but retaliation.

The September 11th acts of terrorism were criminal acts, not an act of war. By declaring them so the United States government has told the international community that rather than seek resolution through justice they will use force, as demonstrated in the bombing of Afghanistan. The Al-Qaeda network is not a nation, but a criminal organization, more akin to the Mafia than a government. War cannot be declared against a criminal organization any more than it can be waged against the individuals responsible. Declaring war against a nation for the acts of individuals is not legal under international law. Even if the Taliban has funded the Al-Qaeda network, it is no more responsible for the September 11 attacks than the U.S. is responsible for Taliban human rights abuses, since in the past the U.S. has funded the Taliban. War cannot be declared against a nation for an act of individuals. Should

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"How Could Anyone Possibly Be an Islamic Fundamentalist?"

Let me state clearly from the outset that this essay focuses not on the answer to this question, but on the question itself. For it echoes other questions that Americans are asking themselves right now: Why are they doing these terrible things to us? Why the United States of America? Why now?

Those familiar with Montesquieu's *Persian Letters* will recognize the irony behind my title. In that epistolary work Montesquieu described the utter

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bewilderment with which Parisians looked at a foreign visitor from Persia to the French capital. The Parisians muttered benightedly among themselves: "How can one be a Persian?" The assumption behind that question, like that behind my own, is that we are all the same, that we share the same language and customs. In the case of the *Persian Letters,* Montesquieu mockingly implies that France possesses the universal culture. Any person whose actions or behavior diverge from those of that culture becomes an object of curiosity, if not ridicule. Montesquieu was cleverly elucidating for ethnocentric French men and women in the eighteenth century the important notion of cultural relativism. There exist cultural differences between peoples that we need to take into account, lest we prejudge others out of our own ignorance.

The climate of pluralism and multiculturalism on American college campuses today might lead us to believe we have assimilated the Enlightenment's sage lessons about tolerance toward our fellow human beings. But the current feeling of bewilderment among many Americans, including some in high offices, belies any profound understanding in this country of other peoples and their cultures. Like Montesquieu's Parisians, we are stunned with the stark difference of others totally unlike us. At our peril we falsely assume that everyone else is just like us, that he or she speaks English, and that we can readily understand his or her behavior.

Because I am writing from the perspective of a teacher of language and culture, one might believe I am making yet another call for language study. And in part I am, precisely because language is the mother of thought. Language and culture go hand in hand. One might also think I am urging Hamilton students to expand their studies overseas, and I am. Studying another language and culture at home and abroad gives us insights into our own behavior. In the process, we become aware of the perceptions others have of us. In my fourth-term French class last week we were discussing stereotypes. My students had no problem in enumerating several stereotypes of Americans. We are often perceived abroad as being materialistic, selfish, and superficial, as my students pointed out. Clearly, Americans also possess some admirable traits, too: our love of liberty, our long-standing acceptance of immigrants in this country, and our capacity to adapt quickly to changes posed by living in the modern world, among others. But English is not spoken all over the world, as many Americans would like to think. As blunt and obvious a point as it may be, we need to be reminded frequently that not everyone is American (or French, to recall Montesquieu's ironic example).

We need to take a sincere interest in other peoples, their cultures, and their languages. American's isolationism has infuriated not only our enemies but our allies. President Bush's unwillingness to join in the fight against global warming is unconscionable, as is his wish to develop an anti-missile defense shield, which has been shown to be absolutely useless for domestic American security right now.

But beyond my somewhat self-serving ends as a language teacher, I am also arguing for something more important here. If we cannot always understand the radical actions of those in foreign countries, we must come at least to show greater concern for everyone around the globe. There has been a great and understandable outpouring of support for those touched directly by the tragedy of September 11. Soon, however, we should direct our humanitarian concern outward to other countries less fortunate than our own. When I read about the tens of billions of dollars being allocated to a war effort, I wonder if any of the horror visited up as would have ever happened if we had been more generous with our resources in poverty-stricken parts of the world. If the government spent a mere fraction of these monies in helping foreign governments with humanitarian aid, might Americans not have a better image throughout the world than they now have? Could this whole disaster ultimately have been averted?

What can we do individually? It is not just up to our government to display concern for others. We could share our own wealth, too, by giving to such agencies as Care, Oxfam America, or the Carter Center, to mention but a few charitable organizations. We can always do more than we do now. We Americans are not nearly as generous as we think we are. In rankings of countries around the world for per capita charitable giving, we always fall well behind many countries with fewer resources than ours.

Although I do not think we can win the war against terrorism by peaceful means alone—some limited military intervention may be necessary to capture or eliminate the perpetrators of the recent atrocities—it is time to give what is essentially a spiri-

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Is There Such a Thing As a "Just" War?

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I was walking across campus Tuesday evening and upon seeing the pro-peace chalkings covering Martin's Way, decided to scratch the article that I had written over break. On Wednesday morning, I started a completely new topic.

As I lay in bed on Tuesday night, I thought about the chalkings and the message from the Peace and Justice Action Group. I don't disagree with the notion of peace, or even being a pacifist. I find the notion of vengeance to be empty and useless and value jealousy about as highly. I found that I disagreed with the Peace and Justice Action Group on a fundamental level.

I have a problem with the notion that peace is inherently just and that war inherently unjust. Is it possible to have an unjust peace and a just war? The peace that we have been living under for the past 20-some-odd years is one that can hardly be counted as "just." We've experienced the beating of Rodney King, discrimination left and right against minorities, and the corporatization of America. We know the names of countless actors and actresses who gave money to a relief fund after September 11, but not one name of the hundreds and thousands of individuals who gave their blood and sweat to those trapped under the rubble. We have large swaths of our society discriminating against immigrants, when their ancestors immigrated here less than 200 years ago.

We prosper economically, expand our economy, build bigger houses, waste more, want more, and make sure we get more. We have prospered at the expense of others, and built our prosperity on the suffering of the faceless and nameless. True, we are there en masse when a disaster strikes, but when it comes to daily necessities like food and water, we often have better things to do. The Red Cross, that symbol of American Good Samaritanism, had to raise prices for blood mere weeks before the terrorist attacks because donations were so dangerously low. The peace we have been living in has been anything but just.

Furthermore, has it really been peace? True, the last major publicized military war was the Gulf War and the Vietnam War before that, but how many military operations have there been in between that that were not aired on CNN? What about economic warfare? The military war with Iraq ended years ago, albeit with flashes and flare-ups since, but for the most part, our involvement with them has been the levying of economic sanctions. These sanctions have led to massive suffering among the majority of Iraqi peoples: is such an alternative just? How many more innocents died because of our non-militaristic actions than ever did as a result of war with them? If the point of war is to kill or gain dominance over the opponent, certainly we've accomplished this through economic and/or social means: a rose, by another name, still smells as sweet.

But then, is a "just" war possible? Vengeance certainly does not create a situation based upon justice, but what of righteousness? Is righteousness simply the way we justify our vengeful feelings? Is aiding and protecting our friends an action that moves us into the realm of immorality– where is the line? Is there a line at all? Is the fighting itself inherently unjust or is the reasoning backing the action what counts? I tend towards the latter: if we hold that physically aiding one's friends is unjust, protecting oneself comes into question. If protecting others becomes immoral, then so too does defending oneself, and that is a harsh realm to live in. The reasons behind an action stand as important as the action itself.

The belief that physical conflict is inherently immoral raises a great wave of concern. The suggestion has been put forward that this conflict can only really be resolved through verbal mediation, and changes can only be brought about through communication. At the same time, we live in a society that puts a great deal of value on the harm that can be caused by words; slurs, racist remarks, and sexual harassment all have a necessary outlet in verbal communication. How is verbal communication any more just? We can cause as much harm with our words as with our fists, only the black and blues that are raised can't be viewed with the naked eye. And the rub is that we know that. The possible harm of verbal statements is all over the place. We verbally censor ourselves all over the place because we don't want to offend others, yet here we stand, holding up words as "Weapons of Justice."

But what of the current situation? We have Operation Infinite Justice and they have Al-Qaeda. We claim righteousness and that we act as God's hand dispensing their just desserts.

Thumbs Up

- Training your helper monkey to grab a Keystone from the fridge
- The offensive juggernaut that is the football team
- RAs who are MIA
- Lesbian Jitney orgies
- The smokestack that is Pat Ingalls
- Girls deciding to go with warm weather clothes on a nipply day

Thumbs Down

- The completion of "Stage one" of the freshman 15
- Getting run over by the "Zamboni Guy" in Commons
- Sorority girls protesting the removal of the fro-yo machine from Commons
- The Jitney becoming the new North Court
- J-board. Enough said.

Who Cares?

- Freshmen who think they are climbing the "social ladder"
- The crew team caring about being in the "who cares" column
- Anti-war sentiments scribbled on Martin's Way
- Freshman girls kissing ass for bids
- Tim Berbenich's "give me the damn ball" attitude
- Mark Radasky

written by Dan Kaufmann '03, Paul P. Jones '03, Lauren Reynolds '02, and Sparky.

Make Your Own Fun? *Like What?*

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Ouch. I did not enjoy the response to the article that I wrote for the September 21 issue regarding a lack of action going on on campus.

First and foremost, I was not saying that Hamilton's no fun, because it is. I mean, look at me, a freshman who's been on this campus for a little over a month. I regularly contribute to the campus newspaper, I have an awesome radio show, intramural soccer rocks my world, and so do my friends and the fun that we make for ourselves.

However, unless you love to sing and you're damn proud of your vocal abilities, *a cappella* groups are not for everyone. Neither are rugby, CAB, or Student Assembly. Even so these clubs meet on weekday in afternoons and evenings, rarely on weekends. So what do you do every weekend if you aren't interested in these clubs? Drink! At least that's what a senior thought when she spoke her mind in the *Spec* last week. No, I really don't expect Flossie Mitchell to knock on my door bearing 'Stones and various drugs, but I also don't think that she'd condone beer hour out on Minor Field, as was suggested by the scornful senior.

In general, Hamilton appears to advertise an active campus to prospective students, with activities every weekend and clubs galore. On a college campus where there are no fraternity or sorority houses, Greek societies don't offer weekend parties. Furthermore, when we all pay so much money, a large portion of which we would expect goes toward funding student interests, I'm just not seeing my money being wisely spent. I repeat: one acoustic show that was good has not kept me wondering what stops the school will pull out next week. So I guess what I'll do is just worry about how much beer I can fit in my fridge for the weekend.

Not only would administration benefit from a freshman perspective but Campus Safety, Residential Life, and RAs should expcct a certain level of drunken antics to go down when drinking in rooms is the most obvious recreational option. However, drunken antics go too far when chairs get thrown through windows, drunk drivers ruin lives, or centuries-old monuments are defaced; perhaps these are the side effects of a campus focused on drinking on the weekends.

Obviously, the times I spent at CAB-sponsored events or Hamilton sporting events won't be a part of the memories that I'll most fondly remember after I graduate; it'll be the times that I realized how much fun I was having with some friends. However, I think I'm more likely to be healthy enough to make it to my graduation in May 2005 if I don't have to resort to drinking myself silly every weekend because there's nothing better going on. I do not expect the administration to serve me up a good time on a silver platter, but at least offer me alternatives to the usual debauchery of keg stands with Alexander Hamilton and tequila shots with Dean Paris.

Attacks on Afghanistan Illegal and Immoral

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war have been declared against Michigan for harboring Timothy McVeigh?

Not only are the attacks illegal, but they are immoral. The September 11 attacks killed a huge number of people and left the entire nation grieving. However, a U.S. bombing has the potential to kill as many, if not more, people in Afghanistan and any other countries which may be bombed. Most of the people killed will have had nothing to do with the attacks. None of them will be given a trial.

In the first days of the bombing, four U.N. minesweepers were killed. Countless others are sure to follow. Every one of these innocent lives taken is an immoral act. These lives should be mourned just as the Americans killed on September 11th were mourned.

To Understand People, Learn Their Culture

from ***Fundamentalist****, page 8*

tual solution a greater chance. Love for our neighbors–every neighboring country around the world–may just bring us lasting peace. We have turned our backs on too many countries for far too long, and to such an extent that we only see ourselves in other peoples. We would have them act and speak as we do. There are numerous different cultures on this planet, and we cannot reduce them all to our way of being. We must accept them for their many differences and demonstrate a genuine concern for their humanity. Let us not merely imagine a world without hunger, misery, and poverty. Let us make it happen. Our actions may well make anyone contemplating terrorist acts against the United States think twice before biting the hand that would and should be feeding as many needy people in the world as possible.

Science

Nobel Prize Laureates Announced

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCINCE EDITOR

This past week, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the recipients for the Nobel Prizes in Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine and Physics.

The award for Chemistry was awarded to two Americans, William S. Knowles and K. Barry Sharpless, and a Japanese scientist, Ryoji Noyori, for their work on chirally catalyzed hydrogenation reactions.

Physiology or Medicine honors were given to American Leland H. Hartwell and British researchers R. Timothy Hunt and Paul M. Nurse for their discoveries of key regulators of the cell cycle.

The award in Physics was shared by three Americans, Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle, and Carl E. Wieman, for their achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates.

The Nobel Laureates in Physiology and Medicine have made important discoveries concerning cell cycle controls. Specifically, Hartwell, who works at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, classified a "start" gene, which has a pivotal role in controlling the first step of the cell cycle. He also introduced the idea of a "checkpoint" in cell cycle regulation, a concept instrumental in the understanding of cancer cell division.

Nurse, his co-recipient and employee of the United Kingdom's Imperial Cancer Research Fund, has identified, cloned, and characterized cyclic dependent kinase (CDK), one of the key regulators of the cell cycle. His collaborator Hunt was awarded for his discovery of cyclins, proteins that regulate CDK function, and elucidated the mechanism of cyclin degradation.

These discoveries have proved significant in understanding how chromosomal instability develops in cancer cells via rearrangements and deletions of essential genetic information.

Scientists now understand that these errors are the result of defective cell cycle control. For example, genes for CDK-molecules and cyclins have the potential to function as oncogenes, genes capable of inducing one or more characteristics of cancer cells.

The Nobel Laureates further demonstrated that CDK and cyclins collaborate with the products of tumor suppressor genes during the cell cycle. With this important foundation, recent studies have shown that increased levels of CDK-molecules are associated with human tumors. Cancer studies have begun to developsuppressors of CDK-molecules.

Chemistry Laureates Knowles, Noyori, and Sharpless focused their work on chirally

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Nurse and Hunt, the overjoyed Nobel Prize Laureates.

catalyzed reactions. Chiral molecules are non-superimposable mirror images of each other, meaning a molecule has a distinct arrangement of four atoms around a carbon atom center. In nature, one chiral form is usually dominant over another.

Understanding chirality is essential in the production of pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs, and heart medications; while one form of a molecule could have medical properties, its enantiomer (mirror-image) may be deadly. These three men have developed molecules that catalyze (speed up) chemical reactions so that only one of the forms is produced. The catalyst, also a chiral molecule, is not consumed in the reaction, and thus can produce millions of molecules with the desired stereochemistry (three-dimensional structure).

Knowles' work has already allowed for the production of the L-DOPA (L delineates the specific chiral form that rotates a plane of light toward the left) drug used to treat Parkinson's disease.

In the mid-20th century, Indian physicist S.N. Bose and Albert Einstein theorized that when a given number of particles approach each other sufficiently closely and sufficiently slowly, they will together convert to the lowest energy state, a process now known as Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC).

This year's Physics Laureates were the first to achieve this new fundamental state of matter, using extremely low temperatures and alkali atom gases.

These researchers illustrated that when these gases are cooled to around one-millionth of a degree Kelvin (more than a million times colder than interstellar space), atoms lose their individual identities and coordinate as a single matter wave, displaying uniform behavior.

Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases offers possibilities in the fields of fundamental quantum-mechanical processes. This, in turn, may bring revolutionary applications in precision measurement, nanotechnology, and quantum computation.

Comprehensive research activity, both experimental and theoretical, continues to explore studies of manipulation of the speed at which light propagates.

Device keeps organs alive longer

by Hannah Stahle '03
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There is some good news this week for the more than 78,000 Americans on the national organ transplant waiting list, and especially for the 4,000 individuals who await new hearts. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center has announced that the first trials using the recently developed portable organ preservation system, POPS, have exceeded their expectations.

The new technology involved in creating POPS allows for human organs to be kept alive out of the body for longer durations than is possible using current technology. When an organ becomes available, existing procedure dictates that the organ be removed from the body, placed on ice, and bathed in a special solution to mimic the body's internal environment.

The organ can only remain out of the body and on ice for a very short period of time, classified as cold ischemia time, which varies from organ to organ. The heart has the shortest cold ischemia time, about 6 hours. This makes it very difficult to transport and transplant the organ before the tissue begins to die. According to Dr. Robert L. Kormos, the Director of Thoracic Transplantation and the Artificial Heart Program at UPMC, the current technology "greatly limits the availability of organs to those in need."

The POPS provides a solution. The system, devised by TransMedics, Inc. of Massachusetts, consists of a small 70 pound box that can easily be transported in an ambulance or in the seat of a commercial airliner. The device contains a four hour battery and has built in handles and wheels for easy transport. With its small compact size, POPS bathes the organs in solution and keeps blood and nutrients flowing through them, as if they had never left the body.

The first trial using a human organ occurred early last month, and managed to keep a kidney alive and functioning for 22 hours before scientists disconnected the organ from the machine. The kidney produced urine and was completely healthy during the duration of time it was connected to the device.

Early this week, scientists announced that the POPS had kept a human heart alive and functioning for 12 hours before they disconnected it for further testing, doubling the amount of time available for transport and transplant of the organ in the future.

The machine also appears beneficial because it is thought that it will reduce the chance of injury to the donor organs, especially hearts, that sometimes results after oxygenated blood is once again introduced to the organ. In many cases this causes cell destruction, and recovery time is lengthened. However, as the POPS continually circulates blood through the organs, there would be no risk of problems developing.

The FDA has yet to approve the new device, but approval is expected by the end of the year. Dr. Kormos comments that the scope of the device is incredible and will "allow us to share organs across greater distances, and more patients [will] benefit from life-saving transplants."

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Squirrels go nuts for winter weather

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

As the fall seems to be abruptly coming to an end, students are breaking out the winter coats, the mittens, and the long underwear in preparation for the sub-arctic weather that is just on the horizon.

Soon, walks across campus will be less leisurely, and Opus hot cocoa will be more sought-after than a snow day. Despite all the whining and agony that a sub-zero morning may bring to those with 8 o'clock classes, students will no doubt survive the winter...but what about the squirrels?

The furry little critters that entertain us as we walk down Martin's Way, popping out of trashcans carrying unfortunately forgotten French fries and digging holes all over campus to store precious acorns, manage to survive the winter without mittens, scarves, and hot cocoa.

Although it would be appallingly cute to see squirrels parading around in their winter attire, fortunately for them, they do just fine without it.

Squirrels belong to the order *Rodentia* and can be found on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. Gray squirrels, which are the most common on campus, inhabit a huge geographic range, as they can thrive in the warmth of Florida, the frigidness of Canada, and every climate in between.

Squirrels can live anywhere from 7 to 12 years, and instead of hibernating, they remain active even in the direst of conditions in Upstate New York. The furry creatures have developed some acute senses and special skills that come in handy when fighting the winter cold.

As winter draws near, squirrels increase their food consumption by eating one third more than their energy output requires so that they can bulk up for the long months ahead.

Squirrels eat mostly acorns from the 24 different species of oaks found in the region they inhabit. Many squirrels will also occasionally partake of walnuts, hickory nuts, and pecans, as well as pine tree seeds. On rare occasions squirrels have been known to eat bird eggs, nestlings, insects, and frogs.

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A happy squirrel enjoys a tasty nut before the winter weather.

Squirrels are known as "scatterhoarders," and as soon as the cool weather blows in, they begin burying nuts near their nests to ensure full stomachs during the winter.

When winter finally arrives, squirrels emerge from their nests twice a day to retrieve the nuts they saved. Amazingly, squirrels use their superior sense of smell and their incredible memory to find the nuts even under inches of snow.

The stores of nuts keep the squirrels from being hungry all winter, and their nest-building skills keep them warm. Squirrels build two types of nests, tree dens and winter dreys, and both keep them cozy during the long winter months. Tree dens are simply holes or cavities in trees that the squirrels line with moss, fur, and leaves.

Dreys are built high in the trees and are waterproof shelters made from woven layers of twigs and leaves and lined with moss, fur, feathers, and leaves.

In addition to these special talents, squirrels ensure their survival simply by utilizing their unique features. In the winter squirrels no longer have the protection of the leaves to shield them from predators.

Fortunately, this is not a problem. They use their large eyes to survey for predators on all sides, as their eyes are positioned in such a way that they can see behind them, above them, and below them, all without moving their head.

They have sharp claws on their fingers and toes, which are fabulous for climbing, and can rotate their hind feet 180 degrees in order to climb down trees head first. Their trademark tails also serves as a mechanism for balance when leaping from branch to branch.

All in all, whether they are cuddled up in their nests or are unearthing the equivalent of a turkey dinner, squirrels are totally prepared for the onslaught of wintry weather. So without hot cocoa, mittens, long underwear, or earmuffs, squirrels will make it through the winter. If only it were that easy for the rest of us.

Fall leaves bring vibrant color to Hamilton

by Hannah Stahle '03
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A walk through Root Glen will no doubt look slightly different these days. The bright greenness of the spring and summer is quickly fading, as the trees erupt in a beautiful array of colors fit for a Crayola crayon box. The changing of the leaves is an integral part of the approaching winter, and most of us can remember countless leaf collections of exceptionally pretty specimens and the wonderful piles of newly raked leaves that were destined to be jumped in. Although we all know that the leaves do change color, how many of us know why?

The change in color from green to red has to do with chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is responsible for the exchange of gases in plants. Chlorophyll absorbs light and exchanges carbon dioxide and water for sugars that drive plant growth.

Other pigments are found in plants as well. Carotenes and xanthophyll pigments produce a yellow/orange color, and anthocyanin pigment produces a bright red color; however, during the spring and summer, the chlorophyll masks these pigments.

When summer turns into fall, the temperatures begin to drop, and the hours of daylight begin to dwindle, creating less than favorable conditions for the absorption of light and the production of food. Because chlorophyll is no longer needed, it begins to break down. As the chlorophyll breaks down, the other pigments in the leaf begin to make their presence known, and soon, with all the chlorophyll degraded, the leaves become yellow, orange, and red.

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Autumn leaves in a beautiful array of colors (unfortunately, *The Spectator* is not printed in color).

In many species, however, the bright colors never develop, and an ugly brown seems to result. This is due to the degrading chlorophyll residue mixing with the other pigments in the leaf. The remaining chlorophyll masks the more attractive colors in the leaf, producing the brown color.

The intensity of the color varies from year to year and depends mostly on the climate. If the weather is wet and overcast for much of the late summer and early fall, the color of the changing leaves will be more intense. If the early fall brings cool temperatures, although no frost, there will be a more intense red color in leaves that contain the red pigment anthocyanin; however, an early frost will cause the vibrant red color to fade.

After the leaves change color, in order to ensure that the maximum amount of raking must be done, the leaves must depart from their place high in the trees to rest eternally on the ground. This is easily accomplished. Layers of cells begin to form at the base of the stem where it meets the branch. These cells seal the leaf off from the rest of the tree and support the leaf for the remainder of its life. The tree seals off the other side so that when the leaf is blown from the tree, there will be no damage to the tree itself.

As winter approaches quite rapidly, the peak for leaf color is almost past, although, the glen is still full of beautiful specimens for those who are interested in salvaging their childhood with a fall leaf collection. As the color fades from the remaining leaves, the fun is just beginning. Leaf piles across campus will be waiting to be jumped in by students now enlightened about the changing leaves.

Next Week:
All About Anthrax

HOC adventurers reach 32 out of 46 summits

by Lauren Perkins '04
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During the last weekend in September, twenty-five groups of Hamiltonians shed their pocket-protectors and penny loafers and headed for the mountains. If you haven't already heard, it was 46 Peak Weekend, the Outing Club's largest annual event. This year's participants donned wacky sunglasses around campus to distinguish themselves before the Weekend began. Andrew Jillings, Outing Club faculty advisor, estimated that this year's trips involved close to 130 people.

In 1995, a handful of determined students gathered together groups of people to collaboratively reach the top of the 46 peaks over 4,000 feet high in the Adirondacks. So began the tradition.

The event is aimed at involving students, faculty members, and administrators in a common appreciation for the outdoors. What could be better than exploring the beauty that is Upstate New York on a fresh autumn weekend? Outing Club officer Sarah Lichtenstein '02 commented, "It was crisp and clear; a perfect fall weekend." Not only do 46 Peakers catch a coveted glimpse of breathtaking foliage, they also often run into a little adventure along the way.

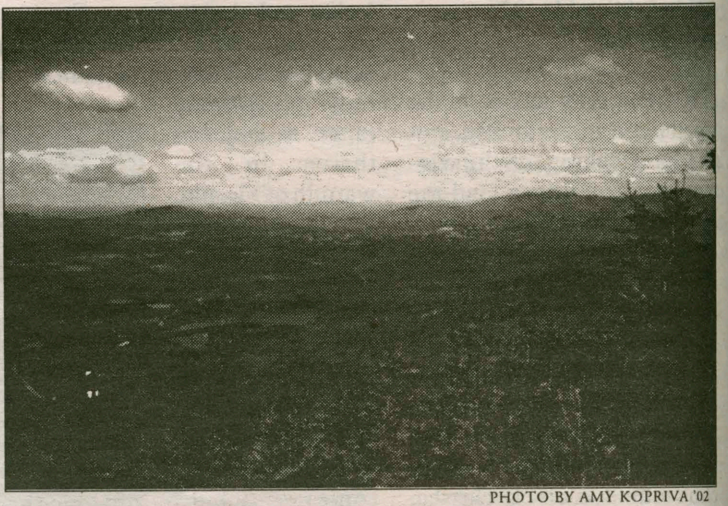
Andrew McCloskey '04, also an officer, mentioned that almost half of the peaks required bushwhacking to reach the top. It's important to note that the Hamilton Outing Club (HOC, pronounced "hawk") puts forth a valiant effort to make the weekend run as smoothly and be as enjoyable for its participants as possible. HOC does an excellent job of sorting and organizing the trips according to difficulty. McCloskey noted that Hamilton is one of the "only schools in New York to have such organization" and admits that the club often gets requests outside the Hamilton community for Adirondack advice. According to their website, HOC is Hamilton's "oldest, largest completely student-run organization," founded sometime in the late 1930s.

What makes 46 Peak Weekend unique is its shared tradition with several other institutions in the area, including Colgate, Cornell, and St. Lawrence. Jillings added that the Weekend is "by no means a competition. There isn't a scoreboard." However, groups tend to be motivated by the idea of sharing a common goal with those outside the Hamilton community.

Having spoken with many participants of this year's event and being a 46 Peak Weekend survivor myself, I have come to the conclusion that a common theme runs through the groups: expect the unexpected. Sarah Bardenett '04 said, "It was so much colder than I thought it would be! There was so much condensation on our tent on Saturday morning that we thought it was raining. I left my Nalgene outside, and in the morning it was frozen solid." Bardenett's group tackled the Seward range, a popular Adirondack Adventure destination.

Ned Stankus '96, one of the founders of 46 Peak Weekend who now works in C&D, took a trip this year to the "Dacks." He described his experience as follows:

"After leaving late on Friday, our group needed a hearty (read as: Golden Arches) dinner in Old Forge, preferring to eat in rather than take out. We finally got to Upper Works around 10:00 p.m. and dropped Adam Funderburk's trip off there. They only had 3 headlamps among 5 people and had 5.1 miles to go before they could camp legally. I guess they got to camp at 4 a.m., but they still got up early and climbed Cliff. After dropping them off, we went back to our trailhead and started hiking around 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. We got to camp at 1:30 a.m., at which point I was too tired (read as: too lazy) to set up my tent, so I just slept out. Instead of bear-bagging, I took my stuff sack full of food and deftly tossed it up in a tree as far as I could throw. When I woke up the next morning, I realized everyone else had done the same, and there were bear bags sitting on low branches all around the camp. Had there been a bear in the area, things would've gotten interesting. For Adam's trip, camping at Lake Colden (otherwise known as "Lake BEAR"), things WERE interesting. When we picked them up yesterday, they were running on fumes. A bear has stolen their food, and they had shared a block of cheese for Saturday night's dinner and a PowerBar for breakfast on Sunday."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A view from near the top of Cascade Mountain in the Adirondacks, one of 32 peaks conquered during the weekend in the quest to reach the 46 summits over 4,000 ft.

Jillings noted that all hiking is unpredictable. "Of course unexpected things can happen, which can be both good and bad," he said All things considered, 46 Peak Weekend can be a significant bonding experience for participants. Jillings added that this year the event faced the obstacle of several groups bowing out just prior to their Adirondack departure. If all groups had completed their trips as planned, the 46 peaks undoubtedly would have been reached. Though an impressive 32 peaks were conquered this year, the goal of reaching 46 provides much incentive for a successful 2002 event.

The Outing Club provides Hamiltonians with many opportunities throughout the year to learn about and experience outdoor life. A Wilderness First-Aid course, Leadership Seminar, and many weekend excursions are among the planned events for this fall. Both the Banff Mountain Film Festival and the traditional FebFest sled race are scheduled for later in the year.

Membership includes a small annual fee and grants individuals access to the club's vast amount of gear, including backpacks, canoes, tents, harnesses, cross country skis, and dry bags. As a result, HOC serves between 200-250 members of the Hamilton community each year. The club holds office hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of Benedict.

Worldly-wise Warner offers words of wisdom

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Study abroad - what many students rank among their favorite college experiences. The image of flying overseas on your own, immersing yourself in a new culture, picking up new slang, and adapting to a different lifestyle may sound like a dream come true. To get the scoop on the good and bad aspects of traveling to a foreign country, I recently spoke with Beth Warner '02, a neuroscience major on a pre-med track who attended City University in London during spring semester last year.

Describe a typical day: "I had classes two days a week; I took Biological and Comparative Psychology, Historic London, 19th Century Art, Women and the Novel, and the British Legal System. The classes were cake, except for psychology. The British don't believe in a lot of theories and techniques that we have been taught here, so it was a whole new way of thinking, and I wasn't too fond of it. The rest of the time I traveled everywhere. When not in class, I went to the English countryside-Stonehenge, Cambridge, Oxford, Brighton, Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace). I met the most amazing people from all over the country with completely different backgrounds than most people at Hamilton. Some of the friends I made over the semester I have already visited at their homes in different states, some I e-mail everyday, and some I know will be best friends for life. It was such a great experience to be by myself in a country I had never been to, just making fun for myself."

What was your favorite part of the trip? "My favorite part about studying abroad was the experience of traveling and making new friendships, but it also opened my eyes to how wasteful we are in America-people there use public transportation, mainly the train for long distances, and hang their clothes outside to dry on clotheslines instead of using dryers. Also, it was a real eye opener to realize that not everyone likes Americans. I remember a stay in a hostel in Rome where we were served dinner and it was "pasta with pepperoni," but what they call pepperoni is what we call plain green or red peppers. I asked innocently enough what they call what we Americans call pepperoni and was laid into by a girl from Norway, who said, "Why does it all have to be questioned? Perhaps it was the Italians who named pepperoni and shortened it to peppers." What anger there was from that girl-but how true it was that in my questioning, I thought it was strange that it was "they" Italians, not "us" Americans, who called it by a strange name."

How were things different from what you expected? "I expected everyone in London to be "proper," but it is probably the most diverse city that I have ever spent time in. It seems backwards sometimes. And it is so lonely-in New York City, people walk by, and if you smile, most likely they will smile too, but in London no one cracks a smile or says hello. It was quite different from what I'm used to."

What did you do for fun?: "I went skiing in Switzerland before flying to Greece to meet up with one of my best friends from here, and honestly, it was the best time I had there. I went to St. Moritz, where I met some Kiwis (New Zealanders), and we all hung out for the two days I was there and skied together-it was so much fun. I also went to Scotland, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, and many more countries. Everyone was accommodating; they realize that this is what you're there for."

What was your biggest fear about traveling abroad? "My biggest fear was being a female. Europeans, for the most part, can spot Americans in a second. It really threatens your security-especially

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Goldman announces HEAG conservation agenda

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES EDITOR

"We're not just a bunch of tree huggers," Emily Goldman '02, president of the Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) clarified, "although we have been spotted doing that once in awhile." Goldman, co-president John Havens '03, and about 15 other student members are anxious to recruit support and enthusiasm to accomplish the organization's three goals this year: to increase campus recycling rates, to host a Utica Marsh clean-up, and to have an Earth Day festival in the spring, which, according to Goldman, will feature local bands and provide educative environmental paraphenalia. The group is also looking into hosting two students from Cornell University who would like to do a presentation on deforestation.

The group meets weekly on Sunday at 7:00pm in the couch area of Café Opus. Goldman welcomes new members and hopes that with increased membership and an attempt to create an alliance with Colgate University's environmental organization, the group will be successful in accomplishing these worthwhile feats.

Goldman, who describes the club's members as a "good group of highly motivated people," hopes that by instituting a couple of aesthetic improvements in the already existent campus-wide recycling bins the group will increase participation in recycling and curb financial waste that affects the entire college community and, in particular, the Physical Plant. According to Goldman, the student-run organization is currently working to color-coordinate bins so that community members will be able to quickly identify the appropriate containers for their bottles, cans, and paper and unwanted banana peels and styrofoam coffee cups will be appropriately deposited elsewhere.

In order to increase proper use of the recycling bins, which can be found in all Darkside suites and in all academic buildings, Goldman explained the organization will remove the lengthy sheets that now designate the appropriate items and replace them with a sheet of one color and one or two words of description. Goldman is hopeful the change will increase proper usage, "people don't have time to read the long lists. We want to make it so it is not such a hassle to distinguish them," she said.

The second change to the recycling bins will be the gradual, experimentally-based addition of lids to some of the bins so that only the appropriate item will be deposited. Only some of the bins will receive lids in the effort to test their effectiveness before spending a large amount of the HEAG and Physical Plant budget, explained Goldman. Goldman expressed her disappointment about the decision to gradually phase-in the lids but admitted that she did not know the amount of the Physical Plant budget designated for environmental projects. Todd Rayne, professor of geology and the HEAG faculty advisor said, "I believe the Physical Plant has some money that can be used to help improve our recycling and reduce our energy usage."

In addition to increasing the safety of the contents of the bins, Goldman points out that the size of the slits in the lids will be designed to accept only the appropriate item, thereby curbing lazy or faulty deposits, "For the paper bins, there will just be a small slit. The cans and bottle bins will have holes just large enough to fit the items. One piece of the wrong trash can contaminate the whole batch," she recounted.

Although Goldman is optimistic that these changes will increase recycling rates, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge disagrees, " I am not a believer in trying to solve symptoms of a problem and therefore, I don't believe in lids on the containers. They are costly and involve more time to handle. The problem is the recyclers are lazy and don't care enough to make the system succeed by taking the time to look for the proper container. The community is too intelligent to come up with lame excuses for not recycling or not being able to find the right container. If you want to recycle you will, plain and simple!"

The planning of the Earth Day festival this spring is motivated by Goldman's determination to "raise awareness of global environmental issues." She believes the national holiday should be "a day that we all celebrate and conserve what we have." She said that in addition to live music that will create a festive and relaxed environment, she hopes to have information tables from organizations including Greenpeace and Sierra Club. Goldman named Rodgers Estate as a tentative location for the festival and confirmed more details about the event will be forthcoming.

Goldman's passion for preserving the environment are evident in her daily life. In formulating some suggestions for how community members can act environmentally consciously, she said, "Little things, like don't leave the water running when you brush your teeth and turn lights off when you leave a room. People sometimes thing that it is just one cigarette, one can, and they don't realize how quickly the problem develops." As HEAG's faculty advisor, Professor Rayne offered some easy but effective ideas as well, "the Hamilton community could make a big difference by doing simple things like not driving from the Dark side to class or closing windows during the winter."

Goldman plans to turn her dedication to preserving the environment into a career after graduation this spring. Goldman, an economics major, clarifies her commitment to being a "environmental economist." Her career aspiration is to become a biodiversity advisor, which involves travelling with small groups of environmentally minded people from all academic disciplines with the common goal of examining the environmental practices of parks of Third World countries. The groups visit the parks for a minimum of six weeks and Goldman explained that they analyze them to see if they are "environmentally and biologically sound. Then we will devise plans to make the parks better because some of these countries do not have the environmental standards that we have. Hopefully we can help their parks run better, both economically and environmentally."

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as a woman traveling with other women and being looked on as inferior to the men in most countries. It's scary at times, but if you ignore them, most of the time they leave you alone."

Did you ever feel unsafe? "Oh, so unsafe. Gypsies on Las Ramblas in Barcelona stole one of my friends' wallets. It was especially bad because we didn't realize it was gone until the next morning. I think the scariest moment was when we were in Barcelona the night after she'd had her wallet stolen. I was wearing a skirt that barely covered my knees and boots, and old men were attaching themselves to my arm and rattling on obscenities in Spanish. Walking along the street, men would start honking, and people would come up and ask for autographs and ask where we were from. I went back to the hotel and put on long wool pants and a turtleneck, and attention was still bestowed. It was like they knew that you were American and tormented you. Even with the long pants and turtleneck, there was so much unwanted attention that at times it was too much. It was scary, but a great learning experience."

What would you recommend for students planning on studying abroad? "Some tips I'd have for students thinking about study abroad are to bring lots of pictures and letters from friends. It does get rather lonely, and there are times when you'll miss what you feel as though you were trying to escape for a semester: Hamilton. Another recommendation is to keep a daily journal-by far my most precious possession when I arrived home. Also bring lots of film and guidebooks. My favorites were the Rick Steve series. Try to get out of the cities. The best parts of countries are not told about in the guidebooks."

What was the greatest lesson you learned?: "What I learned the most about from being abroad is that I have the freedom to go where I choose on not very much money, learning several phrases in different languages along the way. I also learned to look at the different countries in a positive way so that I could learn as much as possible from their cultures. I must say it was stressful not speaking all of the languages, but it was an adventure at the same time. It was such a life experience, and the best part was that the people with whom I went on the trip taught me a lot about what I take for granted and who I want to be. It's strange to still be learning and figuring that out at this point in time, but I guess it never stops, thank God. Another neat thing is that no matter where you go, you always meet new people. Some of them I am going to visit next summer in Brazil, and some have already been to my house outside of Boston. It's just an incredible experience, and everyone is reliant on everyone else to help out."

PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH WARNER '02

During her semester in London, Beth Warner '02 befriended a man in uniform. This Tower of London Beefeater lives in the tower and gives tours all day.

Arts & Entertainment

Senior artist Ava Bromberg keeps busy

Kathleen McGrory '05 enters Ava's world of chemistry, Zen, and jazz.

"If you want a real perspective on art, you can't go to an art school."

Senior Ava Blomberg certainly has a unique perspective on art,creatively expressing herself in her own studio on campus.

The walls of her private workspace are covered by sketches. Some are only rough ideas expressed in charcoal, while others are precise figures drawn in pencil. Colorful glazes, ceramic tile, and cassette mixes clutter the countertops. Jazz music wails, and Ava sits down with a pencil in hand, just beginning to create.

She looks up. "The studio is usually for all of the senior sculpture students," she says with a smile, "and seeing as I'm the only one, I've kind of taken over."

Ava proceeds to show off her space. "Three of the greatest views on campus," she says proudly, boasting her studio's windows. "This is the greatest." She points to her view of the McEwen Breezeway. "I could watch the people pass all day."

"And this one," she proclaims, staring out the window overlooking Minor Field. "Amazing sunrises."

Beneath this window bits and pieces of Ava's artwork pack the countertop. Small circular tiles, some of porcelain and others stone, reflect the afternoon sun. She must have over fifty hand-crafted tiles on the small workspace. Fifty tiles, glazed in a variety of nature-inspired colors.

"I actually have about 600 tiles in total," she explains, clearly taking pride in her work. "Each is glazed with a different organic compound. They were all part of my independent summer research project, in which I studied Organic Chemistry as it relates to ceramics.

As a recipient of an Emerson Grant, Ava dedicated her summer to the study of six organic materials, including cedar and pine hardwood ash, in relation to the craft of ceramics.

"I've always been someone who is interested in material. I wanted to get to know the materials that I use for glazes. The only way for me to learn was to confuse myself and use a huge variable."

In a series of tests, she heated each organic compound to a high temperature in order to make it turn to glass. To each compund Ava later added one of fifteen alkaline fluxes, which interacted with the metals in the glass and brought out the different qualities and colors of each material. Ultimately, Ava was able to create her own palette of glazes, in a variety of textures and colors, ranging from burgundy to yellow.

"After this research I needed to create something to show my results," she says, reaching for a large oval ceramic tile. In the tile she has etched a peaceful mountain view. Her sketch is covered with natural glazes, which resemble glossy watercolors painted on the dull ceramic tile. Staring at Ava's finished work is like looking at the reflection of a forested mountain top in a glassy lake. The calming image calls to mind a traditional Zen landscape.

Not surprisingly, she has a fascination with Asian culture. Her interests reach beyond the limitations of art. She is proficient in the Japanese language and is knowledgeable about Japanese culture, religion, and philosophy. And she has lived in Japan.

"The Japanese language is such a cool puzzle. And believe it or not, while living in Japan, I learned so much about English. You gain perspective on all kinds of things how people interact on the linguistic level and on the quasi-linguistic level... It's so interesting to see what can be translated and what can't."

The aspiring artist spent her junior year in Kioto, Japan, studying both Japanese art and Asian culture as part of her dual major in Studio Art and Asian Studies. While abroad, Ava had the opportunity to experience first hand many traditional Japanese art practices and at the same time develop new passions.

"While I was in Japan, I spent a week in an ancient paper making village," she says.

Ava pulls down a roll of thick brown packaging paper from a high shelf and carefully places it on the floor. With the diligent hands of a sculptor, she tears away layers of brown packing paper to reveal large sheets of fine Japanese paper in a multitude of colors; roses and greens, blues and beiges.

"I was really able to see the differences between the Asian flair for paper -making and our modern paper-making techniques. There was even an eighth generation paper maker living in the village. He was without a doubt a national treasure."

She wraps up the paper and begins to put it away."Being in that village in Japan really changed my way of thinking. It dispelled my romantic notions of the country. Although Japanese aesthetics are historically rich, just like the rest of us, the Japanese are just trying to make a living."

Through art Ava is prepared to leave her mark on the Hamilton Community at large.

"I've always known that art was important to me, but I want to know what it really means. Personally, I feel as if I have this responsibility to question the foundation of art as it is today. How I can integrate art itself into today?"

She is just beginning to explore this question with the commencement of her senior project. Over the course of the upcoming year, Ava will create a series of five or six free-standing sculptures to be displayed in a variety of campus locations.

Why display on campus? "Campus is an environment that I know pretty well. It has its static parts, but on the same hand, I have lived so many lives here. It's dynamic. People are always moving, learning, graduating, matriculating. That's what gives this place its life."

Her first installation, to be shown on the bridge later this semester, will challenge the concept of gravity. "They will be more than just objects or structures. It will be all about how people interact with them," she says.

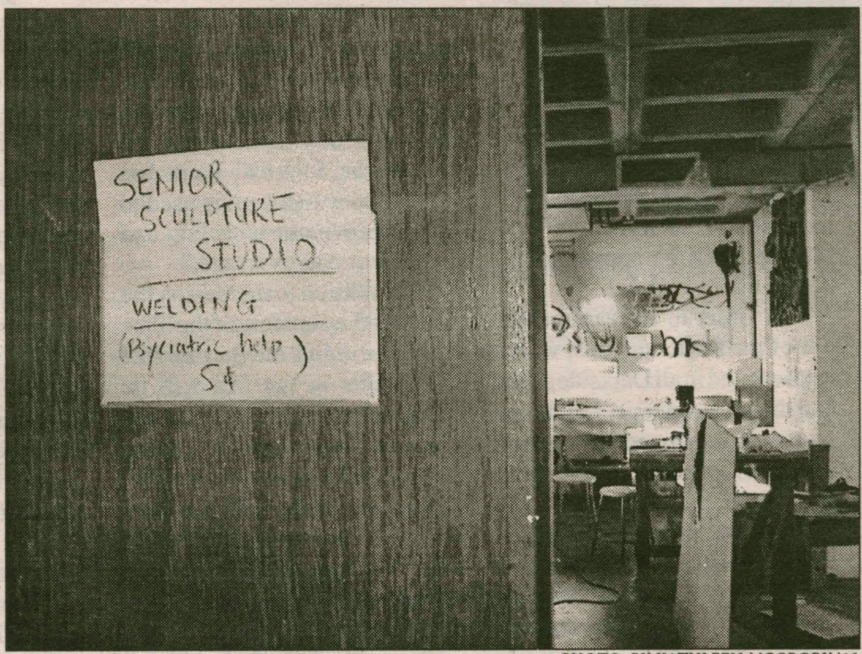
In addition to Ava's senior project, Hamilton College has also commissioned her to work alongside Hamilton Alum John von Bergen. With Von Bergen, a well-known sculptor in Clinton, Ava will create Hamilton history. The two have already begun work on a project to commemorate Kirkland College, to be unveiled late this spring.

What drives Ava Blomberg to take on so many projects? What drives her to aspire to such creative heights? "Art is an intellectual pursuit," she says "It is a particular way of questioning that relies on emotion, on psychology. Art is the way we live in addition to our thoughts.

"Academia doesn't stray too far from anything because it happens in the vocabulary of a particular discipline. A sculpture, on the other hand, isn't just grease and steel and marble. A sculpture calls for an intelligent response to the world, in a way that gets across the vocabularies of all disciplines."

As for post-Hamilton, the future looks bright. "Hmm... The future? Traveling around, getting commissioned. That would be nice," she laughs.

But Ava sees more to the future than working and earning a living. "It's kind of like in Japanese, how there are just some things that you can't translate between languages, between cultures. I want to be able to translate them."



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Ava's private work area is actually built for more than one artist. She appears to make do.

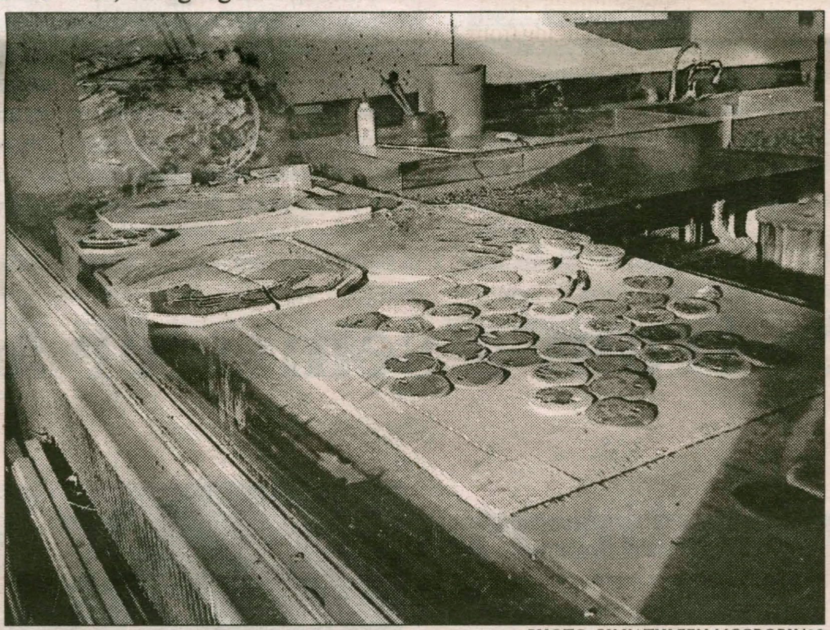

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MCGRORY '05

Some of Ava's hard work manifest.

The Campus Band Spotlight

Hannah Toce '05 gives you the skinny on Dan Hilton and his band.

Hamilton College is well known for bringing great new bands to campus. But what this community might not be known for is creating and harboring our very own fantastic bands. I have been privileged enough to witness the creation and maturation of one such endeavor, Dan Hilton and his band. The band is aptly named after its incredibly talented front man, singer/songwriter/guitarist Dan Hilton '03. Joining his ranks are Matt Williamson '03 on guitar, Kirk Bailey '03 playing the bass, and Matt Amoroso '05 with the drums.

The band was formed during Orientation Week, when Amoroso heard Hilton play at Open Mic Night. "I just went up to them after the Open Mike Night and asked if they needed a drummer," says Amoroso. "We had a few late-night jams, and then we had a real practice with a bassist and the band was formed!"

For a band that's only a month old, Hilton, Williamson, Amoroso, and Bailey have acquired quite a following. Initially they played informally in Carnegie, then at a Chi Psi party in the Annex. As the band gained recognition and a great reputation, they booked gigs at the Village Tavern, The Rock and Roll Preserve in Utica, and most recently, The Little Pub.

Their repertoire consists of a collection of Dan Hilton originals, which traverse a spectrum of musical genres. The band compares their sound to *Dispatch* and *OAR*, while members of the audience have been heard to compare the band to Dave Matthews, *Counting Crows,* and Ben Harper. Hilton et al also play several covers, including songs by *Bela Fleck & the Flecktones*, Van Morrison, Dave Matthews, and *Guns & Roses*.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN HILTON '03

Singer/songwriter Dan Hilton and lead guitarist Matt Williamson bring their folk/blues fusion to The Rock and Roll Preserve.

"They're an awesome jam band!" remarked Matt Zeller '04. This is indeed true, as many of their songs simply blend from one straight into the next. Incredible drum and guitar solos are common; in fact,on Wednesday night at The Pub, Amoroso and Hilton played a duet-drum solo, long enough for the other members of the band to take a bathroom break. The audience clapped and cheered as Amoroso relinquished his drum set to Hilton mid-solo and then returned just in time to break into a cover of "Sweet Child of Mine." Last week at the Annex Matt Stringer '03 and several other musicians joined in with the Hilton quartet for a few numbers, incorporating instruments ranging from trumpets to mandolins.

Dan Hilton has quite a stage presence. He is able to joke around with the audience, keeping the atmosphere light and making the entire experience fun. "I never took any guitar lessons," says Hilton ."I just learned to play by sitting around freshman year and learning Dave Matthews tunes by ear." This is hard to believe as the band tears through song after song written by Hilton. His musical influences are diverse, but Hilton attributes "some of the rhythms and backbeats" of his songs to his childhood. "Growing up in Colorado, I have Western roots. Not country, more like blue-grass."

The best part is that when it really comes down to it, Hilton, Amoroso, Bailey, and Williamson play for fun. They play for the music. "Playing music is my favorite thing to do," says Amoroso. "It's introduced me to a new group of people I wouldn't have met before. Everyone in the band is a great musician, and the music is definitely sweet."

Hilton also raves about his fellow musicians, recognizing what each person has brought to the group. "Matt Williamson's guitar-playing is more bluesy than my song-writing style, so bringing that Hendrix/Clapton blues vibe into the mix really helps drive the band and gives us a bigger sound. Amoroso's drumming keeps the tunes energized and jumping, so he helps change the sound as well."

Hilton has grand expectations for the future. "I think the band still needs something, another soloist. I want a saxophone," says Hilton. Lyrically he aims "to move away from the autobiographical and learn to tell other people's stories with the same intricacy as I can tell my own."

Bailey's steady bass, with Amoroso's innovative drums, Williamson's unique guitar, and Hilton's captivating voice and lyrics make this band possibly the best thing on (or off) campus. They are great guys, and simply love making music, adding to the allure. Keep your eyes open and be sure to check out Dan Hilton and his Band soon.

Hamilton Performing Arts to Present Jazz Vocalist Dianne Reeves

Clinton, NY — Jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves will perform on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts at Hamilton College. This concert is the first of five in the Contemporary Voices and Visions Series.

In this Hamilton College program, Reeves reclaims the priceless legacy of Sarah Vaughan, as heard on her heralded Blue Note recording, *The Calling: Celebrating Sarah Vaughan.* "Her three-plus octaves, diva-like delivery, and intimate sense of a song have long made her one of the most compelling vocalists in jazz," says the *Seattle Times*.

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Grammy Award winner Dianne Reeves

As a Grammy Award- winning songstress, Dianne Reeves has shared the stage with the likes of Harry Belafonte, Clark Terry, Wynton Marsalis, and John Williams, garnering accolades as one of jazz's pre-eminent female vocalists throughout her career. With her strong, agile voice, rhythmic virtuosity, and improvisational ease, Dianne Reeves was clearly born of jazz. But music, according to Reeves, should have "no boundaries," so her singing draws upon a world of influences including: Africa, Brazil, and the Caribbean; gospel and R&B, classic and contemporary pop. Reeves's musicianship is tied to a powerful storytelling instinct , one that conveys a message of hope that sparks all her work.

The dignity of Dianne Reeves' s singing is rooted in her childhood. Born in Detroit and raised in Denver, Reeves lost her father to cancer when she was two. But the women in her family, her grandmother, her mother (a nurse), her aunt, and her sister Sharon helped give her an unshakable sense of fortitude. Music was another gift from the family. Her father had been a singer, her mother played trumpet, and an uncle worked as a bassist with the *Colorado Symphony.* Further inspiration came from George Duke, the celebrated keyboardist, composer, and arranger, who would later become her record producer.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors, and $5 for students. All seating is general admission. For more information or to order tickets, call the box office at 859-4331. Box office hours are 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays.

WHCL DJ Profile:

Choice Beats

by Megan Drumm '04

A&E Writer

Choice Beats is a new hip-hop show airing every Thursday from 10am-noon on WHCL (88.7FM). Emily Kerr, a first-year from Binghamton, NY who plays all your favorite new hip-hop tunes as well as some old favorite hosts the show. Her tastes vary from mainstream to underground and from fast jams that will be sure to get you moving in the morning to slow beats that will help you relax and take the edge off from that early morning class. Either way, her show is sure to have you dancing in your room.

On this past week's show, Emily played songs by Wyclef, Erykah Badu, and James Brown. Emily says that she enjoys doing a hip-hop show because she really likes hip-hop and thought it would be fun to have two hours to play whatever she wanted. She also thought that it would help to expand Hamilton's musical range and give everyone an opportunity to listen to some hot new songs. Her show is definitely all about exposing Hamilton to new things; she maximizes her time, playing as much music as possible, with not a lot of chatting between songs. She also says that she will soon be introducing a new co-host, Kris Rios, also a freshman. You will have to stay tuned to see what he has to offer the show.

If you are interested in hip-hop and do not have class from 10-noon on Thursdays, check out the show.

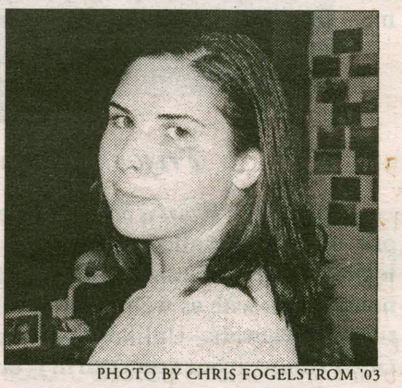


PHOTO BY CHRIS FOGELSTROM '03

Emily is always looking for people to call in and give her some feedback. You can even ask for her to play your favorite hip-hop jam to be played. The station number is x4561, so give her a call.

A great blend of hip-hop songs, an enthusiastic DJ, and some high-quality Simpson clips all add up to a high-energy show. This is the type of music you want to listen to before you go out on Saturday night, but it's sure to keep you going on a Thursday morning. For those of you who have not yet heard the show, check it out. With not a lot of talk, just quality music, it's a great show to listen to in the morning.

Gaming Corner:
Commandos 2: Men of Courage

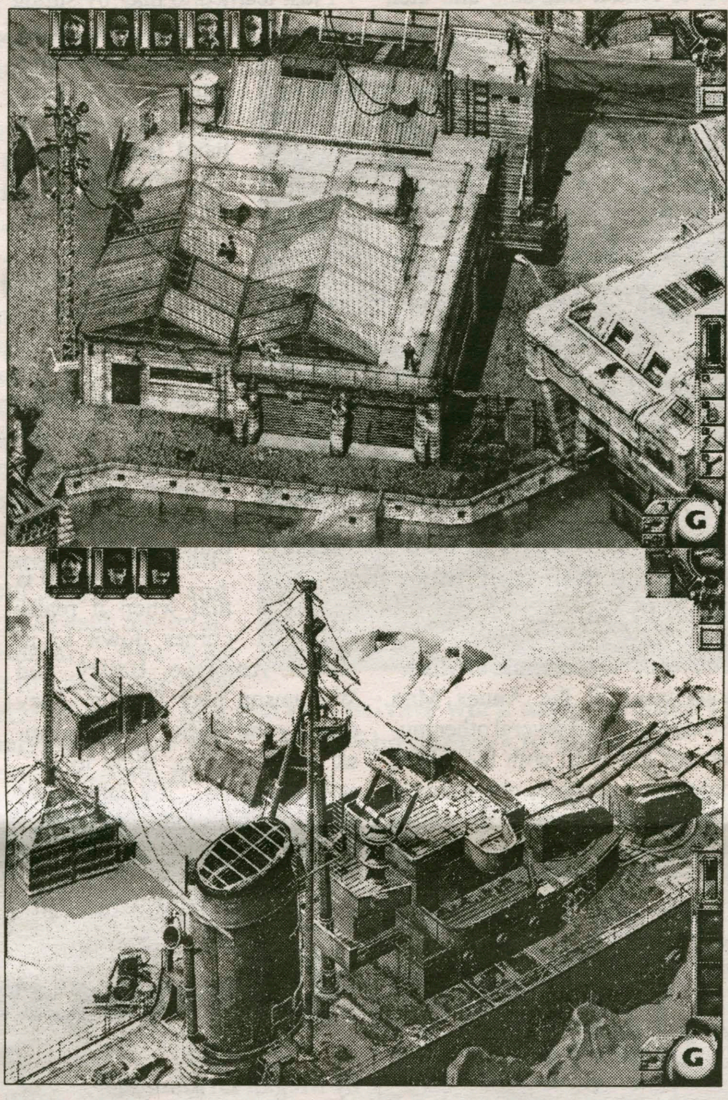
Mithat Yaltir '03 reviews the long-awaited PC title.

Nothing pleases a gamer more than the release of his/her favorite game's sequel, especially if the sequel includes the improvements gamers suggested. In "Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines," gamers led a small group of elite allied commandos in extremely dangerous military operations during World War 2. This game was released by Pyro Studios, which sold 1.5 million copies worldwide and many gamers were excited about a sequel. Desperate waiting finally came to an end, when *Commandos 2: Men of Courage* arrived in stores.

First look confirms that Pyro Studios did an outstanding job with the graphics of *Commandos 2: Men of Courage*. It impressed all of the gamers who have seen the game, whether they like strategy genre or not. One could claim that *Commandos 2* has the best graphics in its genre. Although the game interface has the classic birds view, gamers can rotate the view and adjust zooming to get the view they want.

Characters in the game can fully interact with the environment by swimming, climbing up telephone poles or walls, sticking to walls to avoid detection, jumping out of windows etc. Although each commando has his/her unique skills, they share some common abilities. For example, all of them can swim, however, diver is the fastest swimmer. Everyone can drive a jeep, but only driver can drive a tank.

Ability to exchange equipment enables picking up equipment from the enemy and adds dept to the game, while making cooperation between the commandos key to success. For example, only your spy can use uniforms to disguise as an enemy officer. Thief, however, being the fastest, stealthiest and most agile character can steal a uniform from the enemy far easier than the spy.



In Commandos 2 gamers lead "men of courage" behind enemy lines during World War II.

The enemy is always alert and ready for battle. They can see and hear your commandos, call for backup; receive orders from their superior officers and even follow the tracks you left behind on snow or sand. Just like the commandos, enemy. Snipers have long line of sight and are extremely effective in long range, one sniper bullet is enough to take out a commando. The grenadiers can be the worst nightmare of the commandos as they posses enough firepower to take out all of them at once.

Advanced enemy artificial intelligence (AI) provides challenging gameplay. Enemy officers give orders instead of running into lines of fire making them harder to take out. Regular lower ranking soldiers cannot fight as effectively, without their officers. Enemy soldiers duck or hit the dirt to take cover and respond to cigarette packs and wine bottles dropped on the ground (not always). Also, if they see one of their comrades down, they will go and check the body. Depending on the situation, they raise the alarm.

Some people heavily criticized *Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines* because the game was extremely difficult. Pyro Studios now has three modes of difficulty, making the game a little merciful against rookie players. Others consider the game as flawed due to the lack fog of war. If, however, *Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines* had fog of war, the critiques would probably say the game was impossible to complete. All in all, *Commandos 2: Men of Courage* has some minor flaws, but the fans of "Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines" will love this awesome sequel.

Bottom Line: Two thumbs up to Pyro. Test your patience using *Commandos 2: Men of Courage*.

Don't Say A Word

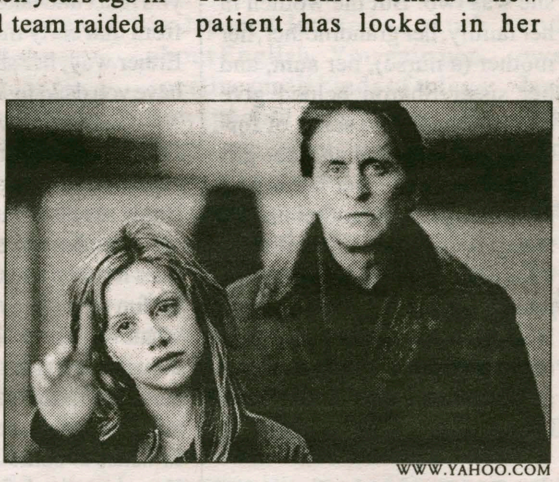
Priyanka Khanna '04 wades through the disappointing mush that is this film.

Don't Say a Word is another one of those so-called psychological thrillers, that aims to play mind games with as well as terrify the viewers. Unlike *The Glass House*, it does succeed in several aspects.

Dr Nathan Conrad (Michael Douglas) is a famous Manhattan child psychiatrist who is known for his healing touch with teenagers. The day before Thanksgiving he is cajoled by a colleague (Oliver Platt) into taking on a pro bono case. The victim is an autistic girl (Brittany Murphy) who has been in and out of institutions for the last ten years, and (surprise surprise) Conrad seems to be her last hope.

Conrad does not realize that by taking on this patient, he is ensuring the end of his perfect, gold-Land-Rover-driving, Upper-West-Side-life.

A parallel storyline depicts a bank robbery ten years ago in which an armed team raided a vault that contained a single ten million dollar ruby. Only after the getaway did the leader (Sean Bean) realize that his partner in crime had cleverly made off with the ruby.



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Michael Douglas and Brittany Murphy in *Don't Say A Word*.

How does Douglas fit in, you ask? Well, he wakes up on Thanksgiving Day to realize that his daughter (the adorable Skye) has been kidnapped and that his house is under constant surveillance. The ransom? Conrad's new patient has locked in her memory a six-digit number that would help find the missing ruby. Conrad has seven hours to use his psychiatric skills to obtain the number.

At the same time, an NYPD detective (Jennifer Esposito) is investigating a number of murders that have taken place in Manhattan. The climax of the film results from a convergence of all the parallel storylines, culminating in one mush of a film.

This film, for all intensive purposes, has good potential. Psychologically deep, intense, and original this film is enjoyable on many levels. Somewhere along the way, however, it loses its intensity and originality. The autistic girl Elizabeth is the core of the film, yet she is eventually sidelined and becomes a minor detail. It is also a bit hard

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PC NEWS:

SWAT 3: Tactical Game of the Year Edition ships

This Edition includes the full version of SWAT 3: Close Quarters Battle, which was released in November 1999, as well as new missions, new weapons, and an additional advanced tactics training CD-ROM. Owners of SWAT 3: Close Quarters Battle and SWAT 3: Elite Edition will be able to download all of the new features included in the Tactical Game of the Year Edition except for the contents of the advanced tactics training CD-ROM.

Civilization III goes gold

Civilization III, Sid Meier's latest empire-building strategy game, has gone gold and will arrive in stores on October 30th, 2001. The game is the latest in the popular Civilization turn-based strategy series, and it features a wide variety of improvements on the previous games, including better graphics and enhanced combat and diplomacy options.

Best-selling games for the week of September 23-29, 2001:

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(News compiled from http://www.gamespot.com/)

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** Hey Mithat, you are not going to drop out of school because Commandos 2 came out, are you?* - Anonymous
* *No, I hope not.* - Mithat

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Don't Say

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not to be skeptical about a psychiatrist diagnosing and treating a very sick girl in a matter of hours.

The strongest performance is by Brittany Murphy (*Clueless*). She is brilliant as the autistic girl, and her constant recantingof the phrase "I'll never tell" is haunting. Famke Janssen is good in her small role as Douglas's trophy wife.

What is really disturbing about this film are the shots of New York City. There are several overhead shots of what was the World Trade Center and the surrounding area. The reference to "ground zero" evokes chills in the wake of the September 11th incidents.

Overall, this film had potential, but serves as a let-down especially at the end. Though it hits harder than *The Glass House*, it still misses its mark.

Dance Company to Perform Dual Cultural Extravaganza

Embodying the rich cultural heritage of the United States and China, *Chen & Dancers*, an explosive and vibrant dance company has enchanted audiences across the world. Their performances have been described as a dynamic fusion of the spirited energy of American modern dance with the poise of traditional and contemporary Asian aesthetics.

Their latest creation, *Bian Dan* gets its name from the Chinese word for a bamboo pole used to carry heavy loads. These poles figure prominently in the dance, a work about immigrant experience and the assimilation from one culture to the next. A kaleidoscope of images, including slides and film projections of family scenes, propel the dance through shifting images of cultural dynamics.

Chen & Dancers will be in residence October 15 through 27. Company and H. T. Chen, the artistic director, will be available for a variety of outreach activities in addition to recruiting community participants for their performances. They are scheduled to present *Bian Dan* on Saturday, October 27 at 8pm at Wellin Hall.

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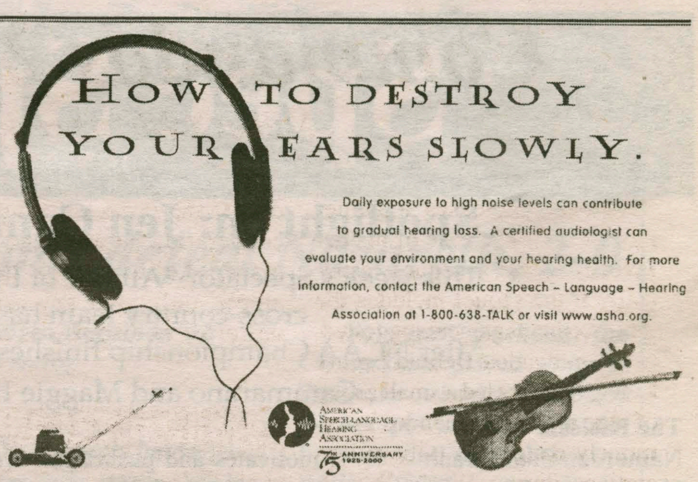

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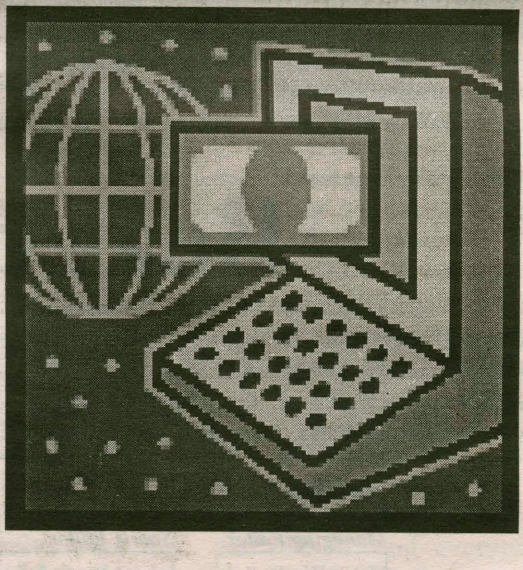

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Spec Sports Spotlight

Spotlight on: Jen Cammarano '03 Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03

This week's Spectator "Athlete of the Week" is cross-country star Jen Cammarano. The Hamilton women's cross-country team has been one of the finest in the nation for the past few years. After NCAA Championship finishes of seventh and 15th in 1999 and 2000 respectively, the 2001 team led by Cammarano and Maggie Hanson '02 expect to make this year no different from the past.

The Basics...
Name: Jen Cammarano
Year: Junior
Sport: Cross-country
Record: 2001 UCAA Champions, 2nd at Williams Invite, 1st place tie at the Hartwick Invite, 2nd at the Hamilton Invitational. 1-0 dual meet record.
Hometown, High School: Branford, CT / Mercy HS
Major/Minor: Psychology with a minor in Classical Studies
Collegiate awards and accolades: All-UCAA cross-country 1999-2001, 1999 UCAA Rookie of the Year, 1999 and 2000 Atlantic All-Region Team, 1999 and 2000 All-NESCAC team. School record indoor track 1000m, NYSCTC outdoor track 4x800 record, 2000 ECAC 1000m indoor track record.
Goals for the season: The team making it to nationals.
Most respected opponent: Maggie Hanson. She is very competitive and she makes me get out there and give it my all even when I don't want to. She motivates and pushes me even on my bad days.
How long have you been running: Since I was six. I had a dog that I walked and instead of being dragged down the street by the leash, I just started running with him. It was a lot easier to run with the dog.
Game rituals or superstitions: I never wear socks with my spikes and I always wear my black Patagonia sports bra.
Biggest clutch performance of your life: My ECAC 1000m victory: it was my freshman year and I had no idea that I was going to win. I got dumped the day before the race too, so I had a little extra motivation.
Most memorable sports moment: Freshman year cross-country nationals in Wisconsin. We even got to go to the Oshkosh outlet. All the overalls were too big though so I got a sweatshirt.
Biggest misconception about runners: People think we have no coordination or athletic abilities, but I would challenge any women on this campus to any athletic endeavor. I was also recruited to play lacrosse at Hamilton, but I decided to run XC.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: Hopefully I will have my own psychology clinic, working with obsessive-compulsive disorder and other psychological ailments.

Now let's really find out about Jen...
Commons, tray or no tray: Tray, you can't carry all of your food without one. Who wants to keep on getting up from the table every two seconds?
Well the ATX and PBX girls do not seem to mind, but that topic is for another time.
How do you like your eggs: I love eggs. I enjoy an omelet with vegetables, hard-boiled eggs with a lot of salt and scrambled eggs with ketchup.
Favorite campus safety officer: I don't know any, I am a good girl. On the other hand, maybe the ones that get to Dunham the fastest to turn off those stupid fire alarms.
Better trilogy, *Free Willy* or *The Mighty Ducks*: Clearly *The Might Ducks* trilogy, I would almost call it a thrillogy, right up there with *Star Wars* and *Back to the Future*.
Hamilton College hook-up curve theory: as a junior girl, is your love life really on the decline: I don't even know what this theory is, so I would say no.
Well Jen, it is basically that as a male gets older their sexual stock rises, while a female is at the top of the Hamilton sexual ladder as a freshman, and more or less worthless as a senior: Well, now that you explain it, maybe you are right. You are definitely way out of my league now Paul.
Your 'Butt Huggers;' a racing necessity or fashion statement: Definitely a fashion statement, but at the same time they keep you very aerodynamic. A little bit of both I guess.
Do we go to school in Upstate New York or Central New York: I consider it Central New York; we are right in the middle of the state.
Good answer Jen, it is nice to talk to an intelligent person for once. I bet you would pick the Bald Eagle over a dolphin in a fight too: Of course, not even a contest, the eagle would just poke the dolphin's eyes out.
Jen, you are clearly the smartest person I have ever met, and are good looking too, do you want to be my girlfriend?
Absolutely not.

Men's X-C takes third

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

With two third place finishes in the past two weekends, the men's cross country is very confident about the championship meets coming up in two weeks.

Two weekends ago, the team ran in the UCAA championship meet at Saratoga Springs. They finished third behind St. Lawrence and Vassar respectively.

This past weekend the Continentals ran at home in the Hamilton Invitational. This time they were beaten only by Ithaca and Buffalo State.

For the fifth consecutive week, Weiss led the Continentals, finishing 12th in 27.09.2. Chris Dunn '05 ran a finished in 15th place, with a time of 27:26.0. Ryan Murelli '02 ran the course in 27:36.0, ending in 19th place.

"We still have some minor injuries," commented Hull. "Paul Jones came back from an injury this weekend and he pretty much ran a training race. He should be able to run hard this coming weekend [In Albany]. We should be the healthiest we've been all year this weekend."

This weekend at the Albany Invitational, the team will run against some its best competition of the year. It is mostly Division I and Division II schools running in the meet.

Some of the teams that the Continentals will be running against include Albany St., Adelphi, Portland, Delhi, Herkimer, RPI, St. Francis, St. Michaels and Siena.

The strong competition should be very helpful in preparing the team for the competition they will see in the championship meets.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly attractive **Sports Editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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Seniors lead Golf team in final tourney

by Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College golf team concluded its fall season last week, in three tournaments.

Friday, the Continentals traveled to Saratoga Springs to the Saratoga State Park and took part in the UCAA Championships and the ECAC Upstate New York Qualifier.

The team was aiming to qualify for the ECAC's. In order to do so, Hamilton had to finish in the top four.

Unfortunately, they placed ninth out of the 15 team field and ended their hopes for postseason play.

Hamilton's score of 311 also placed them sixth out of the seven team UCAA field.

The Conts finished nine strokes behind the qualifying score. The qualifying schools included first place Skidmore, with a final score of 295, Plattsburgh with 299, Rochester with 300, and St. Lawrence finishing in 302.

Other UCAA teams that finished ahead of Hamilton were Rensselaer and Clarkson, with scores of 309 and 310, respectively.

While the ECAC and UCAA tournaments did not finish the way the team had hoped, the Conts did have a number of notable performances.

Andy Weichmann '02 shot a 75, placing him ninth in the ECAC and seventh in the UCAA.

For his solid play, Weichmann earned all-UCAA Second Team honors. Bill Pettit '02 scored a 77, finishing 24th in the ECAC and 18th in the UCAA.

Junior Tom Ferrero's 79 placed him 30th in the ECAC and 22nd in the UCAA.

Matt Innes '05 and Tom Paolini '03 both shot 80, which put them at 35th in the ECAC and 25th in the UCAA. John Stocker '04 shot an 84 and John Allen '05 finished with a score of 86.

Hamilton performed better the next day at the NESCAC Championships hosted by Williams.

The Conts placed sixth in the competitive 11 team field. They finished with a two day score of 328-325, totaling 653. The NESCAC was led by Williams' scores of 299-306-605. Amherst, Middlebury, Colby, and Trinity rounded out the top five.

The Conts' most impressive performance was Ferrero's two day score of 78-75-153, placing him fourth in the NESCAC. Ferrero was named to the first team All-NESCAC for his play.

Weichmann also played well again, shooting an 80-80-160, and ranking 13th overall.

Paolini and Pettit rounded out Hamilton's leaders with two day scores of 166 and 174, respectively.

While the season did not end the way the Continentals had hoped, there were many highlights throughout the season.

Coach Matt Lee said, "We played competitive golf all fall. It was a disappointing end to the season, and we have a lot of work to do in the off-season. We will be ready for the spring season."

With a group of talented golfers returning next semester, the Continentals can build on the foundations of the fall season.

Hanson, Allport win UCAA honors

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

In the last two weeks, the women's cross-country team has tied or defeated all but one of its opponents.

Two weeks ago at Saratoga State Park, the Continentals finished first for the fourth consecutive year at the UCAA Championships with 32 points.

St. Lawrence and RPI finishing second and third with 56 and 57 points, respectively.

Hamilton's top five runners all finished in the top 11 and nearly every runner bettered her time on the course from earlier in the season.

Co-captain Maggie Hanson '02 earned UCAA Runner of the Year honors and Julianna Allport '05 was named UCAA Rookie of the Year.

Last weekend the Continentals hosted the Hamilton Invitational and finished second out of ten teams, four points behind NYSCTC rival Ithaca College, with 37 points.

"The weather was not particularly good on Saturday; it was definitely the worst conditions we've raced in this season, but I think everyone dealt with them pretty well," said Hanson.

Co-captain Becca Walker '02 added, "We were pumped up right before the race began, but it wasn't fun stripping down to our skimpy uniforms. The meet, because of the weather, was definitely for hard core cross-country runners."

Hanson and Jen Cammarano '03 led the team by finishing first and second overall.

Hanson's time of 17:20.7 set a new meet and course record, and earned her UCAA Runner of the Week honors.

Cammarano finished with a time of 18:06.5, 4.7 seconds ahead of Ithaca's Erin Boshe.

Annie Toth '02 finished eighth overall with a time of 18:58.2, just 1.2 seconds behind Ithaca's third runner.

"I was happy with how last weekend went. Some people turned in some very good performances and it was good to see people able to improve who are recovering from injuries," said Coach Ellen Hull.

Allport finished 11th overall with a time of 19:09.3, but two of the runners ahead of her were Ithaca's fourth and fifth runners, giving Ithaca the win.

Hanson added, "Everyone had good performances, and after our first few runners finished it looked like we had won, but Ithaca pulled out the win with a strong pack."

Margo Rockwell '05 rounded out the team's top five by finishing 15th with a time of 19:18.4.

Christine Campbell '04 and Maura Boyle '04 and Emily Cooper '05 finished 27th, 28th, and 30th with times of 20:14, 20:18.4, and 20:23.4.

On Saturday, the team will compete against 17 other teams, including RPI and many Division I teams, in the Albany Invitational.

"There should be plenty of good competition this weekend. We'll be focusing on improving our 1-5 and 1-7 [runner] splits so that we're more competitive," said Hull. "We've raced in Albany before, and the course was pretty flat, but this year there's a new one that we haven't seen yet."

Walker added, "The season's gone by pretty quickly and has been a blast so far. Hopefully we can continue our fun and success this weekend in Albany."

With the NESCAC Championships two weeks away and a bye week next week, the Continentals are quickly approaching the championship portion of the season-three highly competitive meets.

These will hopefully culminate in the team's entry in a fourth tournament: the NCAA Championships.

Field Hockey breaks streak

Conts defeat Nazareth, 2-0

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's field hockey team broke its season long losing streak Wednesday night against the Golden Flyers of Nazareth College.

Nazareth entered the contest 3-8-1, a stronger record than the Conts' 0-10.

However, Hamilton's record is not indicative of the level of field hockey it has played all season.

In her last home game at Hamilton, four year starter and tri-captain Colleen Trzaskos '02 put on a show, scoring 13 minutes into the first half.

The score remained 1-0 for most of the first half, with both sides playing great defense.

Eden Self '04, Hamilton's team leader in goals and points was able to score off of a fast break with 23 seconds remaining before the half.

Hamilton walked onto the field confidently in the second half, and showed Nazareth and everyone in attendance what they have known all season long - that it has the ability to compete with the top teams in the league.

The Conts out shot Nazareth 10-1. Though it would not score in the second half, Hamilton dominated the ball and was able to create many scoring opportunities.

The leadership of tri-captains Christina Freyre '02 and Jenny Russell '02 was unmistakable, and Coach Karen Hollands attributed the team's continued optimism through the losses to the three senior captains.

"They are the greatest kids," praised Hollands. "They have really hung with the program through rough times. They are great leaders, they work extremely hard, and they never give up."

Hollands added, "The effort that the seniors put in will serve them well far down the line. They never give up, and that is a lesson they will be able to carry with them."

Goalie Sarah Baldwin '04 came up with a clutch save off of a penalty shot with less than a minute and a half left on the clock. Baldwin finished the game with two saves.

This past weekend, the Continentals played away at Rochester on Friday and hosted UCAA powerhouse and defending national champion William Smith on Saturday.

Friday's game came down to the wire, but Self's two goals and an additional goal by Heather Pratt '03 were not enough. The Conts fell to Rochester, 5-3.

Baldwin made six saves for the loss.

Hollands described Pratt's play as "outstanding." She added, "The defensive effort as a whole was great. We just couldn't put the ball in the net."

Assistant Coach Megan Block agreed, adding, "We passed the ball really well - our ball movement was the best it has been all year."

Saturday, the Conts faced off against fifth ranked William Smith, a perennially strong program and last year's defending national champions.

The Conts were able to hold the Herons at bay, but William Smith finally broke through, scoring with less than two minutes in the first half.

The Conts were unable to rebound from this goal, and William Smith was able to gain a quick 4-0 lead on Hamilton early in the second half.

The defense put up a good fight and Baldwin did an amazing job between the pipes, stopping nine of the Heron's advances.

"Russell, Trzaskos and Pratt really came through for us," commented Hollands. "It was really a team effort; everyone played, and everyone played well. We just weren't able to capitalize offensively."

The Continentals have three games remaining on their schedule. Hollands is confident about the team's abilities and its prospects.

"We are peaking right now," said Block. "We have faced very tough opponents lately."

Hamilton will face off against SUNY Oneonta next Wednesday, and will travel to Skidmore and Union next weekend.

With a win under their belts and the knowledge that they are at the top of their game, the Continentals will look to extend their winning streak to four.

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Sports

Continental offense's shutout ends

Hamilton Football finally gets on the scoreboard in loss to Trinity

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Prior to the Hamilton football team's road opener at Trinity last Saturday head coach Pete Alvanos knew he had to make changes to an offense that had been held scoreless in its first two games.

He opted for change at the most crucial position, substituting Greg LiVigne '05 in for the struggling Mike Pellman '02.

He hoped LiVigne could inject new energy into an offense that had appeared to be going through the motions at times in previous weeks.

"We needed a change to see if we could get some momentum in the early going for a change," said Alvanos, "and sure enough Greg led us right down the field on the opening drive. It was nothing personal against Mike, obviously, just a decision we made to give the young guy (LiVigne) a shot."

Though they did not pick up the victory over the Bantams, the Continentals cracked the scoreboard for the first time all year, with running back Chris Weeden '02 scoring a touchdown and Peter Simon '05 adding a field goal en route to a 21-10, hard-fought defeat.

The opening drive Alvanos spoke of resulted in Simon's 26-yard field goal with 9:35 left in the first quarter, giving the Conts their first lead of the year at 3-0.

The score capped a 10 play, 46-yard drive highlighted by several big gains by Weeden.

However, Trinity's opening possession was equally impressive, as their nine play, 53-yard drive led to a Bradley Soules 15-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Greg Ward with 5:01 left in the opening quarter. Hamilton's first lead of the season had lasted one drive.

Hamilton's usually stellar defense, undermanned with the absence of injured star cornerback Marcus Juba '03, played up to its capabilities the rest of the half in holding the Bantams scoreless.

The Continental offense was able to capitalize on this opportunity, as Weeden ran for 35 of his 122 total rushing yards in helping Hamilton reclaim the lead, 10-7, heading into halftime.

"Taking the opening drive down the field was huge because it gave our team confidence," said Alvanos. "We're much more enthusiastic when we score early like we did in our scrimmage against Tufts, you can just see a different presence with the team. I think just seeing points on the board made everyone on the team feel better."

Unfortunately for the Conts they were unable to hang on, as Bantam running back Brian Fabrizio scored on a 22-yard scamper with 6:59 left in the third quarter to give Trinity the lead for good.

Fabrizio tallied 159 yards on the day on 27 carries, making him the NESCAC offensive player of the week.

Despite the loss, the Trinity game was Hamilton's most encouraging outing to date. Though he didn't put up jaw dropping numbers (eight of 19 for 75 yards with two interceptions), LiVigne was productive enough to earn himself another start this weekend at Bowdoin.

"It went pretty well overall," commented LiVigne, "we got some points on the board. It was a step in the right direction, we've just got to improve on maintaining that offensive level the entire game.

"We count on both Greg and Mike (Pellman) equally," said Alvanos, "and should Greg get hurt or falter Mike should be ready to step in immediately. No one was blaming Mike for our losses, Greg just needed an opportunity too."

Also, Weeden nearly matched Fabrizio yard for yard on the ground, averaging 5.8 yards a carry to Fabrizio's 5.9.

Still, the Continentals will need to put more points on the board if they intend to pick up their first win this weekend.

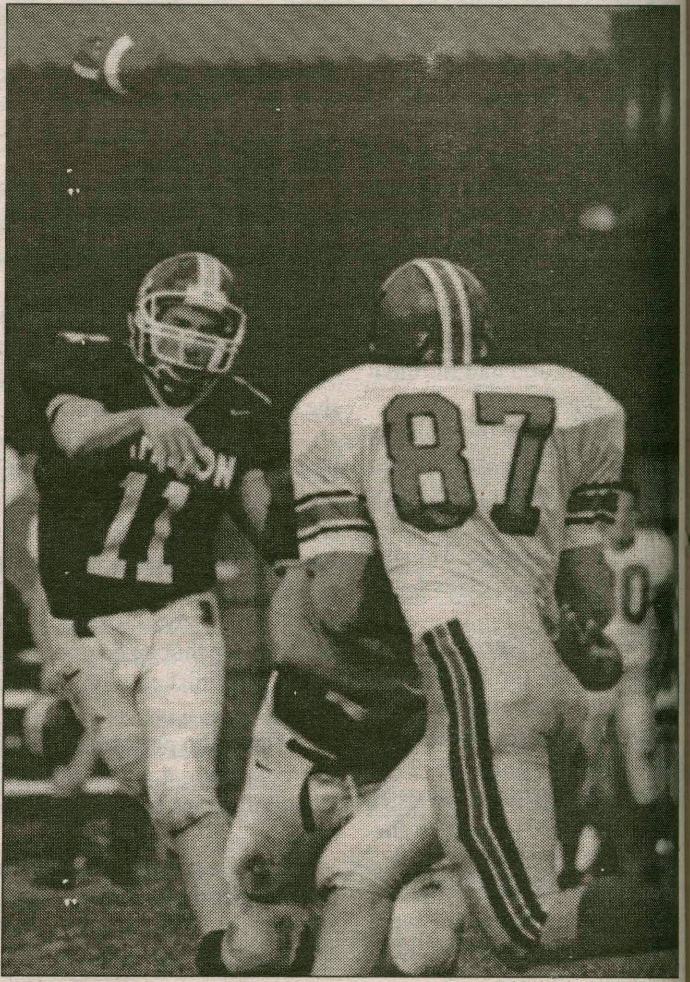


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '0
Mike Pellman (11) lets it fly during a recent game. Against Trinity, however, Coach Alvanos chose to go with Greg LiVigne at quarterback.

Bowdoin, with a record of 0-3 like Hamilton and having been outscored 90-7 in those three games, perhaps represents the Conts' best chance at victory.

"That was one of our wins last year but it's the kind of game that scares me," cautioned Alvanos. "If we're cocky as opposed to confident it will be a dog fight, especially with them playing at home. I think we're more confident now since we were able to score some points last weekend but we should not overlook Bowdoin."

If the Continentals play as they did for most of the game at Trinity then they should have a good chance at picking up that elusive first victory. Game time is 12:30, Saturday at Bowdoin.

Women's Tennis looks forward to State Tourney

by Lindsey Schantz '03
SPORTS WRITER

After a successful run at the ITA Rolex Championships, the women's tennis team has encountered some tough losses in the least week and a half.

At the Championships, held at William Smith, the top five players had a great weekend of tennis and posted some impressive results.

The doubles team of Ana Venturas '02 and Lindsey Schantz '03 played great tennis enabling them to make a run into the finals.

Despite playing very well together all weekend, Venturas and Schantz came up short in the finals, and lost to the eventual champions 8-4.

Schantz also made it through to the quarterfinals of the singles draw, losing to the eventual champion from Rochester.

In the consolation singles draw, Venturas played well and was able to make it to the semi-finals, eventually losing in a tough three set match.

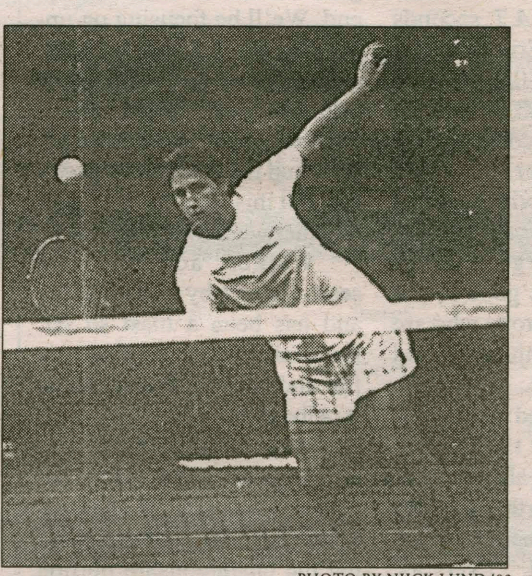
The UCAA Championships were up next for the women. Unfortunately, the Continentals traveled to the tournament without two of their top six players. Although the results might not reflect it, the team showed a great deal of heart and played tough throughout a difficult weekend.

Coach Jaime King said, "It was very tough missing the number two and three players in our six person line-up. I thought that the players who were moved up in the line-up, particularly Jen Lynch ('03) and Lizzie Fazio ('04), played very well and really stepped up their performances. Also, Caroline Steers ('05) and Alex Geertz ('04) almost pulled out a few big wins for us."

King continued to comment on the impressive play of Lynch, who was moved into the number three position for the weekend.

"Jen played well against William Smith, won a big match for us against St.Lawrence, and really stepped it up against Union in doubles. She had a great weekend."

Despite many valiant performances by the women, the team dropped three straight matches to William Smith, St.Lawrence, and Union, respectively.



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Lindsey Schantz '03 faces off as #1 singles for the tennis team.

These results left them with a disappointing eighth place finish for the weekend.

Most recently, this past Wednesday, the Continentals were given a rematch against a Union team that they had lost to only a few days earlier.

The women were fortunate to have most of their regular line-up in place. This contest marked the last home match for captain Venturas, who was putting the finishing touches on what has been an incredible career here at Hamilton.

King said, "Ana played very well against a talented freshman opponent in her straight set win. She has been tough all season."

The match came down to the final point, but the women were unable to pull this one out. The team suffered a 5-4 loss.

"The loss was disappointing, but I thought that the team as a whole played well with a tough three-set loss by Schantz against the number two player in the league."

Venturas was proud of her team. "I thought that the team unity that we had at Union was great," she commented. "We all were pulling for each other and I think that we should be very proud of our performance."

The women hope to close out their season with some success this weekend at the New York State Championships held at Cornell University.

Venturas is looking forward to the weekend. "States will be the last test for our team to see how strong we are."

Coach King added, "The team looks forward to having a full line-up in place for the NY States with renewed purpose."